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MARCH FOR OUR LIVES WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sandy Hook survivors to join rally

Connecticut advocates, victims' families to call for action on firearms

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

Lobbyists, lawmakers, families of gun violence victims and survivors from Connecticut will make their way to Washington, D.C. on Saturday for the March for Our Lives rally.

Similar rallies are also being held in Newtown, Hartford, Stamford, Westport and cities across the United States.

The March for Our Lives rally in Washington, D.C. will converge at noon on Saturday as millions across the country ask Congress to pass stricter gun laws in the wake of deadly mass shootings in Buffalo, New York, and Uvalde, Texas. Many of the participants have lived through tragedies far too similar to those that have reinvigorated the movement in the last few weeks.

About 5 a.m. Saturday, a group of high school students — many who survived the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School where 26 of their classmates and educators were killed — will board a bus to Washington, D.C. The teens, members of the Junior Newtown Action Alliance, will join activists from all over the United States.

As the 10-year anniversary of the Sandy Hook shooting approaches this December, the Jr. Newtown Action Alliance — formed the year after the tragedy — includes members who were inside Sandy

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Workers set up for the March for Our Lives rally on the National Mall on Friday in Washington. The march returns to Washington for the first time in four years. **ALEX BRANDON/AP**

HARTFORD TASTE FESTIVAL



LOCAL FLAVORS



ABOVE: Ermal Caurshi works his stall, the Jar & Bar Restaurant, at the Hartford Taste Festival. The festival, presented by The Hartford, showcases 29 food vendors and 19 musicians on two stages at Constitution Plaza.

RIGHT: Marko Antonio Euroichi of Huasteca Restaurant prepares food for the crowd of people gathered around his stall.

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HARVARD-YALE REGATTA

Coach hasn't lost his touch

At 81, Gladstone full of gratitude as he leads Yale in event's return

Dom Amore

GALES FERRY — Most mornings you'll find Steve Gladstone on the water. If you're close enough to the river banks, you'll hear him through his bullhorn, exhorting Yale's rowers to move a hand or a knuckle.

"His favorite is, 'let the in-board thumb dangle,' " senior Jack Morton said. "And you kind of say, 'Steve, you're 81 years old, you're 50 feet away from the boat, *how can you see where my in-board thumb is*? But he will get on you about it for an entire practice."

Gladstone spends most of his days on the Housatonic in Derby, where Yale has its main facilities, or the Thames in Ledyard, but he is no Old Man River. Tanned, fit, energetic and urbane, Yale's rowing coach is as engaged in his life's work as he ever was, maybe more so, with the Harvard-Yale Regatta returning after a three-year hiatus due to COVID. The grueling test of endurance, first staged in 1852, goes off Saturday at 3:45 p.m. under the Gold Star Bridge, finishing at Bartlett's Cove.

"Being back has given you such a powerful appre-

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'It can literally change your life': Free haircuts help the homeless

Hartford event plans 100 trims Sunday

By Pam McLoughlin
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — A chance meeting between a community health care worker and a barbershop owner who was once homeless has led to a projection of at least 100 haircuts Sunday for people experiencing homelessness.

"It just was this match made in heaven," regarding the chance meeting, said Kelly Toth, nurse practitioner and system director of neighborhood health operations for Hartford HealthCare.

Toth said she was walking by Wise Guys Scissor Society Barber Shop at 87 Main St. in Hartford when owner Miguel Delvalle came out and said, "I love nurses, I love Hartford Healthcare, my wife is a nurse."



Miguel Delvalle at work at his barbershop next to the South Park Inn Homeless Shelter. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

Then Delvalle told her he was once homeless and he wanted to give back.

It was music to Toth's ears because she knows how a haircut can make a crucial differ-

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U.S. CAPITOL RIOT HEARING

Jan. 6 panel to assert Trump knew he lost

By Lisa Mascaro and Eric Tucker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump was told the same thing over and over, by his campaign team, the data crunchers, and a steady stream of lawyers, investigators and inner-circle allies: There was no voting fraud that could have tipped the 2020 presidential election.

But in the eight weeks after losing to Joe Biden, the defeated Trump publicly, privately and relentlessly pushed his false claims of a rigged 2020 election and intensified an extraordinary scheme to overturn Biden's victory. When all else failed in his effort to stay in power, Trump beckoned thousands of his supporters to Washington on Jan. 6, 2021, where extremists groups led the deadly U.S. Capitol siege.

The scale and virulence of that scheme began to take shape Thursday evening at the opening House hearing investigating events surrounding Jan. 6. When the panel resumes Monday, it will delve into its findings that Trump and his advisers knew early on that he had in fact lost the election but engaged in a "massive effort" to spread false information to convince the public otherwise.

Biden spoke of the importance of the committee's investigation in remarks Friday in Los Angeles. "The insurrection on Jan. 6 was one of the darkest chapters in our nation's history," the presi-

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'Boutique' hotel proposed for Southington's Plantsville

A developer is proposing what he calls a boutique hotel for the Plantsville section of Southington, but at least a few neighbors are opposing the idea. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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Hook classrooms when the nation's deadliest school shooting in history took place.

This year's board is made up of many students who were third-graders at the school at the time of the shooting, said adviser Carol Wakeman. Next year's board members, also joining the group in Washington, were part of the first-grade class targeted in the tragedy.

Wakeman said that with the upcoming Sandy Hook anniversary and the shooting at Robb Elementary School in Texas resurfacing old wounds recently, the teens are ready to have their voices heard and demand change.

"I hope we can make some positive change from it," said Wakeman, who is also a board member of the Newtown Action Alliance.

She hopes the trip to Washington will invigorate their activism and remind them that they aren't alone in their fight.

"It's going to be an amazing experience for all of them," said Wakeman. "The energy, the positivity, the hopefulness that there's going to be change."

Po Murray, co-founder of Newtown Action Alliance, started her advocacy work after her neighbor, Adam Lanza, massacred members of their community at Sandy Hook Elementary. Murray will join her fellow activists at the march. She was in Washington, D.C. this week lobbying for Congress and meeting with other advocates like David Hogg, a founder of March For Our Lives and survivor of the mass school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal on Thursday met with students from March for Our Lives who are lobbying for legislation he is fighting for in the Senate. The senator, who plans to join marches in Newtown, Hartford and Stamford this weekend, said that he was inspired by the work the young people from March For Our Lives are doing.

Connecticut's U.S. senators said they have been working tirelessly toward a bipartisan legislative package in the wake of the Uvalde and Buffalo shootings. Blumenthal and Sen. Chris Murphy said they have been meeting with their Republican colleagues to try to reach a compromise that will pass the senate.

"These folks are just so passionate and dedicated and their activism is really inspiring a lot of people," said Blumenthal. "They've helped create a movement."

Wakeman, who has been the adviser of the Junior Newtown Action Alliance for nine years, said she's proud of the work the Newtown teens are doing to make sure other children don't have to survive what they did. But she knows it comes at a cost.

As high school students, she said, they should be focused on their graduations and proms, instead they're participating in walk-outs, vigils and die-ins.

"It's sad that this has to fall on them to make the change. They shouldn't have to be doing this. They should be having normal high school years," she said.

"It takes a lot of strength out of them, a lot of energy out of them — they have to relive some moments in their life that bring up more and more trauma," she said.

Parents who lost children in Sandy Hook have spoken out this month about the trauma that has resurfaced as they've watched families in Uvalde walk the same path they did nearly a decade ago.

Gun violence prevention groups started in the wake of the Sandy Hook tragedy, like Sandy Hook Promise, Moms Demand Action and Safe and Sound Schools, have all been calling on Congress to not let this moment pass and to pass legislation that they hope will prevent future school shootings.

This week, the United States House of Representatives passed a sweeping gun control bill that would raise the age limit for purchasing semi-automatic rifles and high capacity magazines and would require safe storage of firearms in houses with children. The House also passed a "red flag" bill, which would give families and law enforcement the ability to ask courts to prevent people from buying firearms if they're likely to harm themselves or others.



Capitol Police Sgt. Harry Dunn, right, and Sandra Garza, longtime partner of fallen Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick, watch a video of the Jan. 6, 2021, attack during a hearing Thursday in Washington. **ANDREW HARNIK/AP**

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dent said, "a brutal assault on our democracy."

Americans, he said, must "understand what truly happened and to understand that the same forces that led to Jan. 6 remain at work today."

The House panel investigating the attack on the Capitol is prepared next week to reveal more details and testimony about its assessment that Trump was made well aware of his election loss. With testimony from some 1,000 interviews and 140,000 documents over the yearlong probe, it will lay out how Trump was told repeatedly that there were no hidden ballots, rigged voting machines or support for his other outlandish claims. Nevertheless Trump refused to accept defeat and his desperate attempt to cling to the presidency resulted in the most violent domestic attack on the Capitol in history.

"Over multiple months, Donald Trump oversaw and coordinated a sophisticated seven-part plan to overturn the presidential election and prevent the transfer of presidential power," Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., told the hearing Thursday night.

"'Trump's intention was to remain president of the United States," she said.

On Wednesday, the panel will hear testimony from the highest levels of the Trump-era Department of Justice — Acting Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen, his top deputy Richard Donoghue and Steven Engel, the former head of the department's Office of Legal Counsel — according to a person familiar with the situation and granted anonymity to discuss their appearances.

The testimony from the three former Justice Department officials is expected to center on a chaotic stretch in the final weeks of the administration when Trump openly weighed the idea of replacing Rosen with a lower-ranking official, Jeffrey Clark, who was seen as more willing to champion in court the president's false claims of voter fraud.

The situation came to a head in an hourslong meeting at the White House on Jan. 3, 2021, attended by Rosen, Donoghue, Engel and Clark, when top Justice Department officials and White House lawyers told Trump they would resign if he went ahead with his plan to replace Rosen. The president ultimately let Rosen finish out the administration as acting attorney general.

Thursday will turn to Trump's remarkable efforts to press Vice President Mike Pence to refuse to count electoral votes on Jan. 6, a scheme proposed at the White House by an outside lawyer, John Eastman. During the insurrection, rioters prowled the halls of the Capitol shouting, "Hang Mike Pence!" when the vice president refused Trump's plan to overturn the 2020 election.

Early Friday, Trump responded on his social media site, decrying the "WITCH HUNT!" even as he fully acknowledged he refused to accept defeat.

"Many people spoke to me about the Election results, both pro and con, but I never wavered one bit," he said, pushing his false claim of a stolen election.

Trump also dismissed testimony from his daughter Ivanka Trump, who served as a senior adviser in his administration, that was shown during Thursday's hearing.

In the testimony, Ivanka Trump said she was influenced by a Dec. 1, 2020, statement by William Barr, then the attorney general, that there was no widespread fraud that had altered the outcome of the election. She testified that she respected Barr and "accepted what he was saying."

"Ivanka Trump was not involved in looking at, or studying, Election results," Trump wrote on his social media website. "She had long since checked out and was, in my opinion, only trying to be respectful to Bill Barr and his position as Attorney General (he sucked!)."

Trump declared that Jan. 6 "represented the greatest movement in the history of our country."

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Friday, June 10

PLAY3 DAY
7 4 6 **WB:** 0

PLAY4 DAY
1 7 7 1 **WB:** 4

The late lotto numbers were not drawn in time for this edition. For results, please visit courant.com/lottery.

THURSDAY'S LATE NUMBERS
PLAY3 NIGHT
7 2 5 **WB:** 4
PLAY4 NIGHT
6 2 9 8 **WB:** 9
CASH 5
5 6 8 26 35
LUCKY FOR LIFE
2 12 16 33 35 **LB:** 10
Tuesday's est. Lotto jackpot: $1.1 million
Tonight's est. Powerball jackpot:
$229 million



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NEWS BRIEFING

Michigan prosecutor charges officer with murder in Lyoya case

From news services

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — A prosecutor filed a second-degree murder charge Thursday against the Michigan police officer who killed Patrick Lyoya, a Black man who was on the ground when he was shot in the back of the head following a traffic stop captured on a bystander's phone.

Kent County prosecutor Chris Becker announced his decision against Grand Rapids Officer Christopher Schurr, who killed Lyoya minutes after a traffic stop on April 4. Video from a passenger in the car captured the final chilling moments.

Schurr fired the fatal shot while Lyoya was on the ground, demanding that the 26-year-old refugee from Congo "let go" of the officer's Taser.

"The death was not justified or excused, for example, by self defense," the prosecutor said, reciting the elements of second-degree murder.

Defense lawyers said the shooting was not "murder but an unfortunate tragedy" during a volatile situation.

"Mr. Lyoya gained full control of a police officer's weapon while resisting arrest, placing Officer Schurr in fear of great bodily harm or death," Matt Borgula and Mark Dodge said in a written statement.

Becker's decision to charge Schurr won praise from some of his previous critics. Black activists in April wanted Becker, a Republican, to give the investigation to the Democratic Michigan attorney general, saying the Kent County prosecutor was too close to police.

"I was shocked, to be quite honest. I was absolutely shocked. I didn't expect that," said Cle Jackson, president of the Greater Grand Rapids NAACP, who previously had said that an unbiased investigation by Becker's office was not possible.

"We're thankful for Chris having that fortitude to bring the charge that we feel comfortable with. Now we'll have to continue to fight in the courts," Jackson said.

Schurr, 31, was released from jail Friday after appearing in court by video. Bond was set at $100,000, and a not-guilty plea was entered on his behalf.

China blasts WHO report: China on Friday attacked the theory that the coronavirus pandemic may have originated as a leak from a laboratory as a politically motivated lie, after the World Health Organization recommended in its strongest terms yet that a deeper probe is needed into whether a lab accident may be to blame.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian also rejected accusations that China had not fully cooperated with investigators, saying it welcomed a science-based probe but rejected any political manipulation.

He also reiterated calls for a probe into "highly suspicious laboratories such as Fort Detrick and the University of North Carolina" in the United States, where China has suggested, without evidence, that the U.S. was developing the coronavirus as a bioweapon.

"The lab-leak theory is totally a lie concocted by anti-China forces for political purposes, which has nothing to do with science," Zhao said.

Pope cancels trip: Pope Francis canceled a planned July trip to Africa on doctors' orders because of knee problems, the Vatican said Friday, dashing hopes of the faithful there and raising further questions about the health and mobility of the 85-year-old pontiff.

The Vatican said the July 2-7 trip to Congo and South Sudan would be rescheduled "to a later date to be determined." The visit had sought to promote peace in two African countries long wrestling with deadly violence.

Francis has been using a wheelchair for a month due to strained ligaments in his right knee that have made walking and standing difficult and painful. He has refused so far to get surgery, and has instead received injections, kept the knee as immobile as possible and walked with a cane or the help of an aide.

Francis also has a July 24-30 visit to Canada scheduled. The Vatican statement on Friday said nothing about that trip.

Air Force One plan scrapped: President Joe Biden's administration has scrapped former President Donald Trump's red, white and blue design for the new generation of presidential aircraft after an Air Force review suggested it would raise costs and delay the delivery of the new jets.

Boeing is modifying two Boeing 747-800 aircraft that will bear the Air Force One call sign when the president is aboard, replacing the existing fleet of two aging Boeing 747-200 aircraft. Trump, in 2018, directed that the new jumbo jets shed the iconic Kennedy-era robin's egg blue and white design.

Politico first reported that the Air Force study of the new paint job had concluded that the dark shade of blue Trump proposed for the plane's underbelly and engines would have created heating issues for the aircraft, requiring costly redesigns and additional delays to the already behind-schedule program.



A volunteer scuba diver emerges from the Mediterranean Sea holding a discarded chair collected during a United Nations World Oceans Day cleanup event Friday in the Roman-era port of Caesarea, located in Israel. During the event, 26 volunteers removed around 100 pounds of garbage from around the submerged ruins of the historic site. **ARIEL SCHALIT/AP**

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ciation for what you missed," Gladstone said. "The operative word here is gratitude, gratitude to be back, to be engaged, and the athletes feel the same way."

Gladstone is considered the most successful coach in collegiate rowing history. Over the course of his 50-plus years in the sport he grew to love at Kent School in the late 1950s, he has won 14 national championships, three at Yale. He's developed an eye keen enough to change personnel, or even rearrange the seating, between races when he spots something that can be adjusted. He has also brought ideas on physical and mental preparation of the highest level.

"Perhaps it's a clichèd thing to say, but he knows how to get the best out of people," said junior Dan Williamson, who helped win a gold medal for New Zealand at the last Olympics and one of three Olympians expected to be in Yale's boat Saturday. "Not just as an athlete, but as a person as well. He's worked with 18- to 23-year-olds for 50 years. I think it's pretty safe to say he's figured it out."

Gladstone's father, Henry, had become famous delivering the news in war and peacetime on WOR-AM in New York. Steve went to Kent to play football, and he was captain, but the rowing coach and math teacher, Thomas Dixon Walker, became his great influencer.

"He was sparse, he wasn't talkative," Gladstone said, "but you could feel a deep intensity emanated from him and you knew, not by his language, which was pretty harsh at times, that he loved you and wanted the best for you. He didn't want to please you, pleasing you was never part of his game plan nor has it ever been mine, but he wanted the best for you. I made pilgrimages to his house to see him until the day he died."

And here Gladstone had found his life's work.

"Once I was engaged in it, it was very, very compelling," he said. "It just captured me. It's basic, the directness of the competition, starting line, finish line, there is no spin, no BS, no timeouts. It's a contest in the truest form. And in a contest like this, very simply stated, there's going to be a breaker and a broken. Of course, competitive juices flow, but what comes in over time is gratitude that you have this calling, this passion to do what you do. That is the overwhelming piece as time goes on."

After rowing for Syracuse, graduating in 1964 with a degree in American Literature, Gladstone began coaching at Brown in 1966 and spent most of his career in two stints at Cal-Berkley where he was AD for a time. In 2010, he came to Yale, where the rowing program had fallen from national prominence. He was soon bringing in elite rowers from all over the world, winning championships and, most important, winning the Harvard-Yale Regatta. Harvard's varsity had won all but five between 1983 and 2014, but Yale hasn't lost the first varsity race, the main event, since.



Steve Gladstone, Yale's ageless rowing coach, gives his team direction at its encampment along the Thames River. The Bulldogs will take on Harvard in the renewal of the oldest intercollegiate sporting event on Saturday. **DOM AMORE/HARTFORD COURANT**

"This contest is central to the Yale and Harvard cultures," Gladstone said. "You come back here after having won a national championship, but if they don't win this one, there's a hole — a big hole."

The regular college rowing season is over. Last week, Yale captured the trophy for overall supremacy at the IRA championships at Mercer Lake in New Jersey. This week, the Yale and Harvard rowers have been in their ancient encampments along the Thames, mulling over the race that is four times longer than the sprints that decide the national championships. Gladstone's life's work is assuring his athletes emerge from the river Saturday, win or lose, holding themselves and their boatmates accountable.

"What I've observed over the years, top down, do this, do that, fear and coercion-type coaching doesn't have real longevity," Gladstone said. "The strongest bonds are when the athletes understand it is their game. When I came to Yale, clearly I understood the physical protocol and the biomechanics of the stroke, but if you don't have deep devotion to this process, what difference does that make? They have to understand that what they get is what they give. By their experience, did it have a positive effect on their lives? Has it impacted part of their world view? That, to me, is the only legacy that has value. People talk about how many races you've won. That's too bloody abstract."

Yale's rowers talk about the "life lessons" they've learned from Gladstone, which means they're getting it. He's still reaching them, and maybe that's what keeps him a few strokes ahead of Father Time.

"He brings so much knowledge and experience that you can tell he has been around the sport for 50 years," Morton said. "But in a physical sense, it's shocking to watch him jump around and get excited about the same things we get excited about."

"He's certainly sets the standard on how to age," senior Jack Lopas added.

Gladstone is known to admonish colleagues of a certain age that they can't just retire, they have to have a *plan*. His plan, apparently, is to continue. For how long?

"How long is the good Lord going to keep me on the planet Earth?" he said. "I can't imagine a life without coaching because it feeds me. It feeds me emotionally."

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Haircuts

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ence. In many cases, until a person's basic needs are met — a place to sleep, food and hygiene — they can't can't focus on higher level medical needs, she said.

Hartford HealthCare partnered in February with Delvalle, who has arranged for seven barbers and five stylists to donate their time at the "No Hair Left Behind' event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at South Church on 270 Main St.

The day will will include an offering of full medical services, proper fitting shoes from Footwear with Care, boxed lunches and and breakfasts.

"Our goal is 100 haircuts," Toth said. "We're just so excited."

Delvalle, whose barber shop is next door to the South Park Inn Homeless Shelter, said, "It was a no-brainer," when Toth asked him to help. He has done a lot in the community quietly to help veterans, people experiencing homelessness and others in need, but never anything of this magnitude.

"I was once homeless, so I'm always looking for a way to give back," Delvalle said. "I wasn't always sunshine and rainbows. As soon as the tables started to turn I always looked to give back to the less fortunate."

Delvalle said he was homeless from when he was 16 to 18 years old and had to change many of his ways to be successful. Delvalle said haircuts are important on many levels.

He said if a person is having a "terrible day," in that one hour and 20 minutes they get a haircut and a hot towel shave, "We are your therapist."

"That client-to-barber relationship can lift a burden," he said.

Another important aspect of a good haircut, he said, is that, "You look good, you feel good."

A great haircut can "change your life," he said, by leading to meeting a partner or landing a job.

"It can literally change your life," Delvalle said. "Spending time in the barber changed my life."

Delvalle said becoming a barber "saved my life."

"My wife is a nurse. She's the reason I have structure. All the credit goes to her," he said. "She was in nursing school and because of her caring personality said, 'Dude, you have to get it together.' Then our lives completely changed."

Delvalle, 35, now is a business owner and homeowner.

"It all came together so effortlessly. Sometimes I have to pinch myself," he said.

Toth said the community team from Hartford HealthCare has "embedded" themselves in the community and come up with ideas to help at every level. Having a hair-cutting event was on the list.

"We offer all these medical services, but realized people put those things on the back burner to have a safe place to lay their head, food and hygiene," Toth said. "Then they're able to think about higher things."

Toth said she asked one woman in a clinic, "Can I please wash your hair?" It was so matted the woman said to just cut it off. Toth used trauma shears.

"She walked out of there feeling like a brand new woman and she was thankful," Toth said.

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May surge reflects inflation's spread

Biggest jump in prices since 1981 hits more sectors

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The prices of gas, food and most other goods and services jumped in May, raising inflation to a new four-decade high and giving American households no respite from rising costs.

Consumer prices surged 8.6% last month from a year earlier, faster than April's year-over-year increase of 8.3%, the Labor Department said Friday. The new inflation figure, the highest since 1981, will heighten pressure on the Federal Reserve to continue raising interest rates aggressively.

On a month-to-month basis, prices jumped 1% from April to May, much faster than the 0.3% increase from March to April. Contributing to that surge were much higher prices for everything from airline tickets to restaurant meals to new and used cars. Those price spikes also elevated so-called core inflation, a measure that excludes volatile food and energy prices.

In May, core prices jumped a sharp 0.6% for a second straight month. They're now 6% above where they were a year ago.

Friday's report underscored fears that inflation is spreading well beyond energy and goods whose prices are being driven up by clogged supply chains and Russia's invasion of Ukraine. It also sent stock prices tumbling. The increased pressure on the Fed to raises rates even faster — which means higher-cost loans for consumers and businesses — will raise the risk of a recession, too.



Gasoline prices Thursday in Salt Lake City. The national average price on Friday was $4.99 per gallon. **RICK BOWMER/AP**

"Virtually every sector has higher-than-normal inflation," said Ethan Harris, head of global economic research at Bank of America. "It's made its way into every nook and cranny of the economy. That's the thing that makes it concerning, because it means it's likely to persist."

Surveys show that Americans see high inflation as the nation's top problem, and most disapprove of President Joe Biden's handling of the economy. Congressional Republicans are hammering Democrats on the issue in the run-up to midterm elections this fall.

On Friday, Biden responded to the latest figures in a speech at the Port of Los Angeles, which is now moving a record amount of cargo under an agreement the White House has shepherded. Yet even as the number of ships waiting to unload at the port has dropped sharply, inflation has not.

"My administration," the president said, "is going to continue to do everything we can to lower the prices to the American people."

Gas prices rose 4% just in May and have soared nearly 50% in one year. The national average price at the pump reached $4.99 Friday, according to AAA, edging closer to an inflation-adjusted record high of $5.40.

The cost of groceries surged nearly 12% last month from a year earlier, the biggest such increase since 1979.

Rising prices for grain and fertilizer after Russia's war against Ukraine is intensifying that rise. Restaurant prices jumped 7.4% in the past year, the largest 12-month gain since 1981, reflecting higher costs for food and workers.

Employers face immense pressure to raise pay in a job market that remains robust, with low unemployment, few layoffs and near-record job openings. But while average wages are rising at their fastest pace in decades, they aren't increasing fast enough for most workers to keep pace with inflation. Many households accumulated savings from government stimulus aid during the pandemic and are now having to draw on those savings to pay bills.

Housing costs are still climbing. The government's shelter index, which includes rents, hotel rates and a measure of what it costs to own a home, increased 5.5% in the past year, the most since 1991.

Airline fares are up nearly 38% in the past year, the sharpest such rise since 1980.

Rampant inflation is imposing severe pressures on families. Lower-income and Black and Hispanic Americans, in particular, are struggling because, on average, a larger proportion of their income is consumed by necessities.

In light of Friday's inflation reading, the Fed is all but certain to implement the fastest series of interest rate hikes in three decades. By sharply raising borrowing costs, the Fed hopes to cool spending and growth enough to curb inflation without tipping the economy into a recession. It will be a difficult balancing act.

The Fed has signaled that it will raise its key short-term rate by a half-point — double the size of the usual hike — next week and again in July. Some investors had hoped the Fed would then slow its rate increases to a quarter-point hike when it meets in September or perhaps even pause its credit tightening. But with inflation raging hot, investors now foresee yet another half-point hike in September, which would be the fourth since April.

In the coming months, prices in the United States may ease somewhat. Some large retailers, including Target, Walmart and Macy's, are now stuck with too much of the patio furniture, electronics and other goods that suddenly are no longer in demand. Target said it's cutting prices due to mounds of unsold inventory.

Though Americans have soured on the economy, they have largely kept up their spending.

Uvalde school police chief defends shooting response

In first remarks, says he did not believe he was person in charge

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas school police chief criticized for his actions during one of the deadliest classroom shootings in U.S. history said in his first extensive comments, that he did not consider himself the person in charge as the massacre unfolded and assumed someone else had taken control of the law enforcement response.

Pete Arredondo, the police chief of the Uvalde school district, also told the Texas Tribune for a story published Thursday that he intentionally left behind both his police and campus radios before entering Robb Elementary School. On May 24, an 18-year-old gunman killed 19 children and two teachers behind a locked classroom door that the chief said was reinforced with a steel jamb and could not be kicked in.

Poor radio communications is among the concerns raised about how police handled the shooting and why they didn't confront the gunman for more than an hour, even as anguished parents outside the school urged officers to go in.

Separately, The New York Times reported Thursday that documents show police waited for protective equipment as they delayed entering the campus, even as they became aware that some victims needed medical treatment.

Arredondo told the Tribune that from the hallway of the school he used his cellphone to call for tactical gear, a sniper and keys to get inside the classroom. He said he held back from the door for 40 minutes to avoid provoking gunfire and tried dozens of keys brought to him, but they failed to work.

"Each time I tried a key I was just praying," he told the Tribune.

Since the shooting, Arredondo's actions have come under intensifying scrutiny from state officials and experts trained in mass shooting responses. Steven McCraw, the head of the Texas Department of Public Safety, has said the school police chief, who he described as the incident commander, made the "wrong decision" to not order officers to breach the classroom more quickly to confront the gunman.

But Arredondo, who told the Tribune he believed that carrying radios would slow him down as he entered the school and that he knew that radios did not work in some school buildings, said he never considered himself the scene's incident commander and did not give any instruction that police should not attempt to breach the building.

"I didn't issue any orders," Arredondo said. "I called for assistance and asked for an extraction tool to open the door."

Arredondo has not responded to repeated interview requests and questions from The Associated Press.

Arredondo's account and records obtained by the Times were published Thursday as law enforcement and state officials have struggled to present an accurate timeline and details. They have also made frequent corrections to previous statements, and no information about the police response has been formally released by investigators since the days that followed the attack.

According to documents obtained by the Times, a man who investigators believe to be Arredondo could be heard on body camera footage talking about how much time was passing.


Pete Arredondo, the school district police chief in Uvalde, Texas, second from right, stands during a news conference last month in the town. **CHRISTOPHER LEE/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

"People are going to ask why we're taking so long," said the man, according to a transcript of officers' body camera footage obtained by the newspaper. "We're trying to preserve the rest of the life."

Sixty officers had assembled on the scene by the time four officers made entry, according to the report. The two classrooms where the shooting took place included 33 children and three teachers.

Not all the victims were dead when officers finally went inside: One teacher died in an ambulance and three children died at nearby hospitals, according to the records obtained by the Times, which included a review of law enforcement documents and video that have been gathered as part of the investigation.

The records obtained by the Times offered other new details, including that the gunman, Salvador Ramos, had a "hellfire" trigger device meant to allow a semiautomatic AR-15-style rifle to be fired more like an automatic weapon, but did not appear to have used it during the attack.

Ramos had spent more than $6,000 amassing an arsenal of weapons that included two AR-15-style rifles, accessories and hundreds of rounds of ammunition, according to the documents.

The Times reported that some of the officers who first arrived at the school had long guns, and that Arredondo learned the gunman's identity while inside the school and attempted to communicate with him through the closed classroom doors.


David Hogg, a survivor of the Parkland school shooting and co-founder of March for Our Lives, speaks June 3 outside of Republican Sen. Marco Rubio's Miami office. **WILFREDO LEE/AP**

Gun control rallies scheduled throughout US

By Ashraf Khalil
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Angered by the unrelenting toll from gun violence, tens of thousands of people are expected at rallies this weekend in the nation's capital and around the United States demanding that Congress pass meaningful changes to gun laws.

The second March for Our Lives rally will take place Saturday in front of the Washington Monument, a successor to the 2018 march organized by student protesters after the mass shooting at a high school in Parkland, Florida.

Now with recent shootings bringing gun control back into the national conversation, organizers of this weekend's events say the time is right to renew their push for a national overhaul.

About 50,000 participants are predicted to turn out in the District of Columbia, with rain in the forecast. That's far less than the original march, which filled downtown Washington with more than 200,000 people. This time, organizers are focusing on holding smaller marches at an estimated 300 locations.

The protest comes at a time of renewed political activity on guns and a crucial moment for possible action in Congress.

The House has passed bills that would raise the age limit to buy semi-automatic weapons and establish federal "red flag" laws. But such initiatives have traditionally stalled or been heavily watered down in the Senate.

The March for Our Lives movement was born out of the Parkland massacre. Surviving students organized bus trips to the state capital to lobby in person, and succeeded in pressuring the Republican-dominated state government to buck the National Rifle Association's influence and pass substantial measures targeting gun violence.

WORLD & NATION

SKorean town's burden of tragedy

Families still frozen in grief over sinking of ferry 8 years ago

By Choe Sang-Hun
The New York Times



Visitors gather May 27 inside a memorial sculpture, in the shape of a yellow whale, at Danwon High School in Ansan, South Korea. The memorial honors the hundreds of students' lives lost in the 2014 Sewol ferry disaster. **WOOHAE CHO/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

ANSAN, South Korea — His room remains as it was the day he left on a school trip in 2014, his bed still neatly arranged with the same pillow and blanket. The trophy he won in a piano competition stands proudly on a bookshelf. On his desk are his computer and cellphone, untouched next to some of his favorite snacks.

Lee Ho-jin died eight years ago at the age of 16, one of 250 sophomore students whose lives were taken when the Sewol ferry sank off the southwestern coast of South Korea on April 16, 2014. More than 300 people died that day, with all the students coming from Danwon High School in Ansan, a city south of Seoul.

South Koreans quickly rallied around the victims' families in the aftermath, united in their outrage. But South Korea's most traumatic peacetime disaster soon divided the country as critics vilified the families' quest for accountability and proper compensation as an anti-government campaign. Eight years later — pressured by time and daily life — much of the country has moved on while Ansan seems frozen in grief.

To outsiders, the city may appear like any other in South Korea, with its quiet neighborhoods and tall apartment buildings. In cafes, young couples discuss housing prices and the cost of raising children. But a closer look reveals the ways in which Ansan is serving as a memorial to the victims and still struggling to come to terms with the lessons the disaster brought to bear on the entire nation.

Families in Ansan said that at least three parents have killed themselves after losing their children to the sinking. Some families have disintegrated in divorce. Others have moved away to grieve alone. Still others have banded together to console each other, keep their children's memories alive and help the nation understand the depths of their sacrifice.

A memorial in the shape of a yellow whale now overlooks the playground of Danwon High School. At the 4.16 Memorial Classroom, a museum dedicated to the students, the victims' classrooms are re-created with desks, blackboards and other furniture from the school. Visitors realize the enormity of the loss when the names of all 250 students and 11 teachers who drowned are recited at the end of a video presentation.

"I go to my son's classroom here to see his name, picture and desk and regain power," said Jeon In-suk, 51, who lost her only son, Im Kyong-bin, and began working as a volunteer guide at the museum last year. Before that, she had camped out in front of the presidential office in Seoul for three long winter months, demanding an answer to whether official negligence during the rescue operation contributed to the death of her son.

Families talked about the visceral pain that follows them and how cities that undergo tragedies, like Uvalde, Texas, carry the weight of a loss that only victims and relatives can truly understand. But parents also said they have learned there was no way to deal with calamity other than to live through the grief.

"You just have to cry when it's hard; there is no way around it," said Kim Mi-ok, Ho-jin's mother. "No one, nothing, can console you." She has refused to report her son's death to the government and continues to pay his monthly cellphone bill as if one day she might hear his voice on the other side.

"When I miss him, I lie on his bed, hug his pillow, smell his smell and cry," said Kim, 53.

On the day the Sewol ferry sank, live footage of the capsized boat slowly disappearing under the water was broadcast across South Korea. Fishermen and poorly equipped rescuers tried desperately to break windows and save passengers trapped inside. Cellphones salvaged from the wreckage showed videos of children frantically saying goodbye to their parents as the cold waves filled their cabins.

The disaster had been born of greed and negligence. The owner of the Sewol had added extra berths, making the ferry top-heavy. On its final voyage, it was carrying twice the legal limit of cargo, having dumped most of the ballast water that would have helped stabilize it. Regulators ruled the ship seaworthy. But when it made a sharp turn while fighting a strong current, it lost its balance.

As it keeled over, its crew kept urging the passengers through the intercom to wait in their cabins. The first coast guard boat that arrived at the scene did little more than pick up the fleeing crew members, including the captain, Lee Joon-seok, while passengers trapped inside banged on the windows and the ship slowly descended beneath the waves. The government initially told the nation that all the passengers had been rescued. Of the 476 people on board the Sewol, only 172 were rescued.

More than 150 regulators, crew members, ship inspectors and officials from ferry and loading companies have been indicted for their roles in the disaster. South Korea tightened safety rules and made laws to crack down on corruption and companies that put profit ahead of safety.

Ansan families called multiple rounds of government investigations a whitewash because they never properly investigated the role of official incompetence and none of the top officials they held responsible have gone to prison. Angry parents camped out in central Seoul, some on weekslong hunger strikes, demanding a more thorough investigation. A new investigative panel is set to wrap up its work this month.

But as the mourning and investigations have carried on, helping to precipitate the ouster of then-President Park Geun-hye in 2017, many South Koreans, especially conservatives, have said they have had enough, accusing victims' families of holding the country hostage and angling for bigger compensation packages from the government.

"People think it's over and they wonder why we continue to protest," said Kim Byong-kwon, 57, who left Ansan for a new city and didn't tell his new neighbors he had lost his daughter in the Sewol disaster. "But they don't understand that our pain is not healed, and that nothing has changed."

The most crushing thing of all has been the sense of guilt among parents who feel they failed to protect their children and are haunted by the memories of how they died.

When she first heard the news of the Sewol, Kim, Ho-jin's mother, immediately called her son on the ferry. "Mom, don't worry. I see the coast guard out the window," Kim remembered him saying. "I will see you when I get back home."

When she called him again, he didn't answer. Ho-jin's body was recovered 16 days later, and according to Korean funeral custom, he was buried three days afterward. It was May 5, Children's Day in South Korea.



A Ukrainian soldier speaks on a radio Friday in eastern Ukraine's Donbas region. The war there still gets prominent coverage in the United States and Europe. **ARIS MESSINIS/GETTY-AFP**

WAR IN UKRAINE

Ukraine fears prolonged war might fatigue West's interest

By Colleen Barry and Yuras Karmanau
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — As Russia's invasion of Ukraine grinds into its fourth month, officials in Kyiv have expressed fears that the specter of "war fatigue" could erode the West's resolve to help the country push back Moscow's aggression.

The U.S. and its allies have given billions of dollars in weaponry to Ukraine. Europe has taken in millions of people displaced by the war. And there has been unprecedented unity in post-World War II Europe in imposing sanctions on Russian President Vladimir Putin and his country.

But as the shock of the Feb. 24 invasion subsides, analysts say the Kremlin could exploit a dragged-out, entrenched conflict and possible waning interest among Western powers that might lead to pressuring Ukraine into a settlement.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy already has chafed at Western suggestions he should accept some sort of compromise. Ukraine, he said, would decide its own terms for peace.

"The fatigue is growing, people want some kind of outcome (that is beneficial) for themselves, and we want (another) outcome for ourselves," he said.

An Italian peace proposal was dismissed, and French President Emmanuel Macron was met with an angry backlash after he was quoted as saying that although Putin's invasion was a "historic error," world powers shouldn't "humiliate Russia, so when the fighting stops, we can build a way out together via diplomatic paths." Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said such talk "can only humiliate France and every other country that would call for it."

Kyiv wants to push Russia out of newly captured areas in eastern and southern Ukraine, as well as retaking Crimea, which Moscow annexed in 2014, and parts of the Donbas under control of Kremlin-backed separatists for the past eight years.

Every month of the war is costing Ukraine $5 billion, said Volodymyr Fesenko, political analyst with the Penta Center think tank, and that "makes Kyiv dependent on the consolidated position of the Western countries."

Ukraine will need even more advanced weaponry to secure victory, along with Western resolve to keep up the economic pain on Russia to weaken Moscow.

"It is obvious that Russia is determined to wear down the West and is now building its strategy on the assumption that Western countries will get tired and gradually begin to change their militant rhetoric to a more accommodating one," Fesenko said.

The U.S. continues to help Ukraine, and President Joe Biden asserted in a New York Times essay on May 31, "I will not pressure the Ukrainian government — in private or public — to make any territorial concessions."

Europe's domestic concerns are nudging their way into the discourse, especially as energy prices and raw materials shortages start to take an economic toll on ordinary people who are facing higher electricity bills, fuel costs and grocery prices.

Biden, Western Hemisphere leaders reach migration pact

By Elliot Spagat and Chris Megerian
Associated Press



Migrants traveling by foot rest Friday at a sports complex in the town of Mapastepec in Mexico's Chiapas state. The group hopes to reach the United States. **MARCO UGARTE/AP**

LOS ANGELES — President Joe Biden and other Western Hemisphere leaders announced Friday what is being billed as a roadmap for countries to host large numbers of migrants and refugees.

The Los Angeles Declaration is perhaps the biggest achievement of the Summit of the Americas, which was undercut by differences over Biden's invitation list. Leaders of Mexico and several Central American countries sent top diplomats instead after the U.S. excluded Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela.

A set of principles announced on the summit's final day includes legal pathways to enter countries, aid to communities most affected by migration, humane border management and coordinated emergency responses.

"The Declaration seeks to mobilize the entire region around bold actions that will transform our approach to managing migration in the Americas," the White House said in a fact sheet.

The White House highlighted measures that were recently announced and some new commitments. Costa Rica will extend protections for Cubans, Nicaraguans and Venezuelans who arrived before March 2020. Mexico will add temporary worker visas for up to 20,000 Guatemalans a year.

The United States is committing $314 million to assist countries hosting refugees and migrants, and is resuming or expanding efforts to reunite Haitian and Cuban families. Belize will "regularize" Central American and Caribbean migrants in the country.

It is a blueprint already being followed to a large extent by Colombia and Ecuador, whose right-leaning leaders were saluted at the summit for giving temporary legal status to many of the 6 million people who have left Venezuela in recent years.

President Guillermo Lasso of Ecuador last week announced temporary status for Venezuelans in his country, estimated to be around 500,000. He said at a panel discussion Tuesday that his country was paying back the generosity of Spain and the United States for welcoming large numbers of Ecuadoreans who fled more than two decades ago.

President Ivan Duque of Colombia got standing ovations Thursday for describing how his government has granted temporary status to 1 million Venezuelans in the last 14 months and is processing another 800,000 applications.

"We did it out of conviction," Duque said, adding that he couldn't be indifferent to Venezuelans who lost their homes and livelihoods.

While the measures are not universally popular — Duque's vice president, Marta Lucia Ramirez, has said Colombia has reached its limit and Ecuadoreans notice when a Venezuelan commits a high-profile crime — Venezuelans have generally assimilated without major backlash.

The United States has been the most popular destination for asylum-seekers since 2017, posing a challenge that has stumped Biden and predecessors Donald Trump and Barack Obama.

But the U.S. is far from alone. Colombia and neighboring South American countries host millions of people who have fled Venezuela. Mexico fielded more than 130,000 asylum applications last year, many of them Haitians, which was triple from 2020. Many Nicaraguans escape to Costa Rica, while displaced Venezuelans account for about one-sixth the population of tiny Aruba.

U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas said Thursday that the summit declaration acknowledged migration's regional dimensions. He and other U.S. officials applauded efforts of Colombia, Ecuador, Costa Rica and Panama, among others, for accepting migrants and refugees, and noted that the U.S. has granted refuge from natural disasters and civil strife to hundreds of thousands of Salvadorans, Haitians, Venezuelans and others under what is known as Temporary Protected Status.

"It's a hemispheric challenge," Mayorkas said.

BUSINESS

COVID-19 test demand for travelers to US ending

Official: Mandate to expire early Sunday after CDC says it's no longer needed

By Zeke Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration is lifting its requirement that international air travelers to the U.S. take a COVID-19 test within a day before boarding their flights, easing one of the last remaining government mandates meant to contain the spread of the coronavirus.

A senior administration official said Friday that the mandate will expire Sunday at 12:01 a.m. EDT, adding that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention determined it is no longer necessary.

The official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to preview the formal announcement, said that the agency would reevaluate the need for the testing requirement every 90 days and that it could be reinstated if a troubling new variant emerges.

The Biden administration put in place the testing requirement last year, as it has moved away from restrictions that banned nonessential travel from several dozen countries — most of Europe along with China, Brazil, South Africa, India and Iran — and instead focus on classifying individuals by the risk they pose to others. It was coupled with a requirement that foreign, non-immigrant adults traveling to the United States need to be fully vaccinated, with only limited exceptions.

The initial mandate allowed those who were fully vaccinated to show proof of a negative test within three days of travel, while unvaccinated people had to present a test taken within one day of travel.

In November, as the highly transmissible omicron variant swept the world, the Biden administration toughened the requirement and required all travelers, regardless of vaccination status, to test within a day of travel to the U.S.

Airline and tourism groups have been pressing the administration for months to eliminate the testing requirement, saying it discourages people from booking international trips because they could be stranded overseas if they contract the virus on their trip.

Roger Dow, president of the U.S. Travel Association, called lifting the testing rule "another huge step forward for the recovery of inbound air travel and the return of international travel to the United States."

While domestic U.S. travel has returned nearly to pre-pandemic levels, international travel — which is very lucrative for the airlines — has continued to lag. In May, U.S. international air travel remained 24% below 2019 levels, with declines among both U.S. and foreign citizens, according to trade group Airlines for America.

Many other countries have lifted their testing requirements for fully vaccinated and boosted travelers in a bid to increase tourism.

In February, travel groups argued that the testing requirement was obsolete because of the high number of omicron cases already in every state, higher vaccinations rates and new treatments for the virus.

Despite ending the testing requirement, the CDC will continue to recommend COVID-19 testing prior to air travel of any kind as a safety precaution, according to the senior administration official.



Karine Jean-Pierre is the new White House press secretary after Jen Psaki recently stepped down from the role. **SUSAN WALSH/AP**

White House staffers walking

'Great resignation' being felt in Washington as workers seek better pay, quality of life

By Zeke Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — New White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre was delivering her third on-camera goodbye to a departing staffer in less than 24 hours when she quipped to reporters, "I promise we will have a press shop." She added, "Not everyone is leaving."

It's a dynamic playing out across the White House complex this month — and more evidence that not even the White House is immune from what has been called the "great resignation" as employers struggle to fill vacancies and workers jump to new jobs at record rates.

The administration is undergoing high staff turnover as President Joe Biden nears 18 months in office. Long hours, low morale and relatively low pay are taking a toll on senior staff and the more numerous junior aides who keep the White House functioning.

While it's not unusual, the swiftness of the change has been stark at times: Two-thirds of the White House press shop, much of the COVID-19 response team, two of the deputy counsels to the president, even the staffer who manages the White House Twitter account are all leaving within a few weeks of each other.

Some of it is by design. As is customary, White House staff were told to leave by July or to wait to depart until after the November elections, according to current and former officials.

Still, the turnover, particularly within senior ranks, pales in comparison to the turbulent first year of President Donald Trump, who hired and dismissed staff at a record pace. Also, the Biden White House staffing was more stable than many predecessors in its earliest days, making the recent and upcoming exits more noticeable.

Biden aides insist the departures are not tied to the president's low poll numbers, but reflect a natural transition for staffers — some of whom also toiled long hours on the campaign — looking to improve their quality of life. The aides emphasized that replacements have been secured for most of the departing staff and that no critical roles are going unfilled.

"It's a normal time for this level of turnover in any administration," said White House spokesperson Emilie Simons. "Government service involves sacrifice, and staff often have young children or promising careers in the private sector they put on hold, or opportunities for advancement within the administration or through graduate school."

Many of the departing aides are heading to federal agencies, which have far deeper pockets than the smaller Executive Office of the President. They can often double their salary and substantially reduce their workload.

In many ways the departures echo a broader trend in the economy — which the Biden White House has championed — where a historically tight labor market has given workers abnormal leverage to seek stronger-paying jobs that are more compatible with their post-pandemic lifestyles.

Over 4 million workers have been quitting their jobs each month over the past year, according to Labor Department data, accounting for almost 3% of all workers leaving jobs each month — most for other work opportunities.

"It's a worker's market right now," then-White House press secretary Jen Psaki said last year, months before leaving for a role at the news outlet MSNBC. "People are looking for more dependable benefits. They're looking for wages that are higher."

Ariz. officials confirm bird flu in Southwest

By Bob Christie
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Arizona officials have confirmed the first cases in the Southwest of a bird flu that has led to the deaths of 37 million birds from commercial farms in the central and eastern U.S.

The disease was spotted after tests by federal wildlife officials in three wild cormorants that had been found dead in a park in the Phoenix suburb of Scottsdale, Arizona Game and Fish officials announced this week.

The disease has not yet been found in any domestic birds or in commercial operations, the agency said.

But it is a concern, according to Glenn Hickman, president and CEO of Hickman Family Farms, one of the largest egg producers in the Southwest. Hickman operates four chicken ranches in Arizona, one in California and two in Colorado.

The company has stopped any visits to its farms and double-checked its biosecurity program, which is designed to prevent its approximately 2 million chickens from being infected. Its chickens are kept in barns that are secured so that wild birds can't enter, and any people or tools that enter are disinfected.

The company dodged a scare recently when the avian flu was found in a flock 3 miles from one of its Colorado farms, Hickman said Thursday. And while he's concerned about the Scottsdale find, its not anywhere near as concerning as if a nearby commercial operation had an outbreak.

"Those are a lot scarier because the massive amount of virus that is potentially produced when you have a large population is much more than the relatively small amount of virus per bird in the wild bird population," he said. None of his farms were affected.

Arizona Game and Fish officials have been closely monitoring for the disease, which had been no closer than Colorado before this week's announcement, by responding to all calls of dead birds.

Anne Justice-Allen, the department's wildlife veterinarian, said a major concern is backyard flocks of chickens, which are allowed in parts of metro Phoenix.

UK set to override portions of Brexit deal

By Jill Lawless
Associated Press

LONDON — The British government said Friday it will introduce a bill next week to override parts of the Brexit trade treaty it signed with the European Union before the U.K. quit the bloc in 2020.

The move will be a major escalation in a U.K.-EU dispute over trade rules for Northern Ireland.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's spokesman, Jamie Davies, said "the bill has been agreed by the relevant Cabinet committees and will be introduced to Parliament on Monday."

The legislation, if approved by lawmakers, would scrap parts of a trade treaty with the EU that Johnson signed less than two years ago, by removing checks on goods entering Northern Ireland from the rest of the U.K.

The EU has threatened to retaliate, raising the possibility of a trade war.

Some legal experts say the move is unlawful but the U.K. government says it will "publish a summary of the legal advice" it has received about the legislation.

Northern Ireland is the only part of the U.K. that shares a border with an EU country, Ireland. When Britain left the European Union and its borderless free-trade zone, the two sides agreed to keep the Irish land border free of customs posts and other checks because an open border is a key pillar of the peace process that ended decades of violence in Northern Ireland.

Instead, to protect the EU's single market, there are checks on some goods, such as meat and eggs, entering Northern Ireland from the rest of the U.K.

British unionists in Northern Ireland say the new checks have put a burden on businesses and frayed the bonds between Northern Ireland and the rest of the U.K.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Russia's bank cuts key interest rate

Russia's central bank cut interest rates back to their prewar levels Friday, saying inflation and economic activity were developing better than expected despite sweeping Western sanctions imposed in response to the war in Ukraine.

The bank lowered its key rate by 1.5 percentage points, to 9.5%. The rate had been as high as 20% in the wake of the Feb. 24 invasion of Ukraine and the resulting sanctions by the U.S., European Union and other nations.

The central bank has managed to stabilize Russia's currency and financial system through drastic measures such as high interest rates, restrictions on flows of money out of the country and requiring importers sell their foreign currency earnings for rubles.

UK plans to burn billions in PPE

LONDON — The British government plans to burn billions of dollars in unusable personal protective equipment purchased in haste during the coronavirus pandemic, a public spending watchdog said Friday.

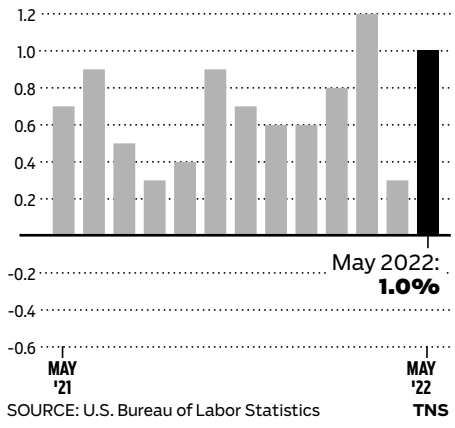
Parliament's Public Accounts Committee said the government planned to dispose of 15,000 pallets of the gear per month "via a combination of recycling and burning to generate power."

The government said not all $5 billion worth of equipment would be burned. The Department of Health said only about $835 million worth of the PPE was "unusable in any context." It said some of the excess stock would be repurposed for use by dentists or donated to charities, transport agencies and other countries.

Consumer Price Index

In May, the consumer price index increased 1.0 percent.

CPI ONE-MONTH PERCENT CHANGE
Seasonally adjusted



SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics TNS

BUSINESS



A trash can outside the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial in Washington. Expect to see fewer single-use plastic products in national parks across the country. **JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP 2018**

Single-use plastic products to be tossed at national parks

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Interior Department has announced that it will phase out sales of plastic water bottles and other single-use products at national parks and on other public lands over the next decade, targeting a major source of U.S. pollution.

An order issued by Interior Secretary Deb Haaland calls for the department to reduce the purchase, sale and distribution of single-use plastic products and packaging on 480 million acres of federally managed lands, with a goal of phasing out the products by 2032.

The order directs the department to identify alternatives, such as compostable or biodegradable materials or 100% recycled materials.

"As the steward of the nation's public lands, including national parks and national wildlife refuges, and as the agency responsible for the conservation and management of fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats," the Interior Department is "uniquely positioned to do better for our Earth," Haaland said in a statement Wednesday.

The order essentially reverses a 2017 Trump administration policy that prevented national parks from banning plastic water bottle sales. The Grand Canyon was among a fraction of the more than 400 national parks to implement the ban.

Environmental groups hailed the Biden administration's announcement, which advocates and some Democratic lawmakers have been urging for years.

Oceana, a conservation group, has called for the National Park Service and other agencies to move swiftly to carry out changes in reducing single-use plastics well before 2032.

Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., also urged quicker action to address what he called the plastic pollution crisis. "With everyone — from park rangers to park visitors — doing their part we can get this done before the decade has passed!" Merkley said in a statement.

Merkley, who chairs a subcommittee that oversees the Interior Department, is co-sponsor of a bill that would ban the sale of single-use plastic water bottles in national parks.

Rep. Mike Quigley, D-Ill., who co-sponsored the bill in the House, hailed the announcement as "a huge step forward in the effort to protect our environment and its creatures from the damage of single-use plastics."

Matt Seaholm, president and CEO of the Plastics Industry Association, called Interior's announcement "disappointing" and counterproductive.

"In most applications, plastic products are the least environmentally harmful option, as long as they are disposed of properly," said Seaholm, whose group represents the entire plastics industry supply chain.

He urged improved recycling infrastructure in parks as "a better approach to sustainability."

Haaland said the plastics order was especially important because less than 10% of plastics ever produced have been recycled, and U.S. recycling rates are falling as China and other countries have stopped accepting U.S. waste.

Smaller package and portion sizes? Blame 'shrinkflation'

By Dee-Ann Durbin
Associated Press



A small box of Kleenex sold in the U.S. now has 60 tissues, down from 65 a few months ago. **DEE-ANN DURBIN/AP**

It's the inflation you're not supposed to see.

From toilet paper to yogurt and coffee to corn chips, manufacturers are quietly shrinking package sizes without lowering prices. It's dubbed "shrinkflation," and it's accelerating worldwide.

In the U.S., a small box of Kleenex now has 60 tissues; a few months ago, it had 65. Chobani Flips yogurts have shrunk from 5.3 ounces to 4.5 ounces. In the U.K., Nestle slimmed down its Nescafe Azera Americano coffee tins from 3.5 ounces to 3.2 ounces. In India, a bar of Vim dish soap has shrunk from 5.5 ounces to 4.8 ounces.

Shrinkflation isn't new, experts say. But it proliferates amid high inflation as companies grapple with rising costs for ingredients, packaging, labor and transportation. Global consumer price inflation was up an estimated 7% in May, a pace that will likely continue through September, according to S&P Global.

"It comes in waves. We happen to be in a tidal wave at the moment because of inflation," said Edgar Dworsky, a consumer advocate and former assistant attorney general in Massachusetts who has documented shrinkflation on his Consumer World website for decades.

Dworsky began noticing smaller boxes in the cereal aisle last fall, and shrinkflation has ballooned from there. He can cite dozens of examples, from Cottonelle Ultra Clean Care toilet paper, which has shrunk from 340 sheets per roll to 312, to Folgers coffee, which downsized its 51-ounce container to 43.5 ounces but still says it will make up to 400 cups. (Folgers says it's using a new technology that results in lighter-weight beans.)

Dworsky said shrinkflation appeals to manufacturers because they know customers won't keep track of net weights or small details, like the number of sheets on a roll of toilet paper. Companies can also employ tricks to draw attention away from downsizing, like marking smaller packages with bright new labels.

Bags of Fritos Scoops marked "Party Size" used to be 18 ounces; some are still on sale at a grocery chain in Texas. But almost every other big chain is now advertising "Party Size" Fritos Scoops that are 15.5 ounces — and more expensive.

PepsiCo didn't respond when asked about Fritos. But it did acknowledge the shrinking of Gatorade bottles. The company recently began phasing out 32-ounce bottles in favor of 28-ounce ones, which are tapered in the middle to make them easier to hold. The changeover has been in the works for years and isn't related to the current economic climate, PepsiCo said. But it didn't respond when asked why the 28-ounce version is more expensive.

Likewise, Kimberly-Clark — which makes both Cottonelle and Kleenex — didn't respond to requests for comment on the reduced package sizes. Proctor & Gamble Co. didn't respond when asked about Pantene Pro-V Curl Perfection conditioner, which downsized from 12 fluid ounces to 10.4 fluid ounces but still costs $3.99.

Domino's Pizza announced in January it was shrinking the size of its 10-piece chicken wings to eight pieces for the same $7.99 carryout price. The chain cited the rising cost of chicken.

Some customers who have noticed the downsizing are sharing examples on social media. Others say shrinkflation is causing them to change their shopping habits.

Alex Aspacher does a lot of the grocery shopping and meal planning for his family of four in Haskins, Ohio. He noticed when the one-pound package of sliced Swiss cheese he used to buy shrank to 12 ounces but kept its $9.99 price tag. Now he hunts for deals or buys a block of cheese and slices it himself.

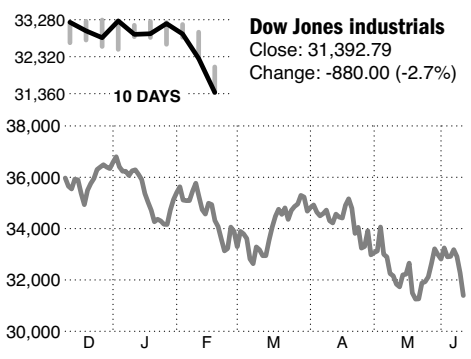
Aspacher said he knew prices would rise when he started reading about higher wages for grocery workers. But the speed of the change — and the shrinking packages — have surprised him.

"I was prepared for it to a degree, but there hasn't been a limit to it so far," Aspacher said. "I hope we find that ceiling pretty soon."

MARKET RUNDOWN

Saturday, June 11, 2022

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Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	31,392.79	-880.00	-13.61%
DOW Trans.	13,368.91	-360.19	-18.87%
DOW Util.	980.42	-5.24	-.04%
NYSE Comp.	15,096.69	-375.77	-12.05%
Nasdaq Comp.	11,340.02	-414.20	-27.52%
S&P 500	3,900.86	-116.96	-18.16%
S&P 400	2,403.07	-65.50	-15.44%
Wilshire 5000	38,860.54	-1,191.33	-19.81%
Russell 2000	1,800.28	-50.58	-19.82%

Commodities

FUELS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	120.67	121.51	+60.44%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	8.85	8.96	+137.27%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	4.17	4.28	+87.24%
METALS	**CLOSE**	**PREV.**	**YTD**
Gold (oz)	1,871.50	1,848.80	+2.41%
Silver (oz)	21.91	21.80	-6.07%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange

	ForEx in U.S. $	U.S. $ in ForEx
Britain	1.2316	.8120
Canada	.7838	1.2758
China	.1491	6.7089
Euro	1.0522	.9504
Japan	.007442	134.36
Mexico	.050052	19.9794

Money Rates

	CLOSE	PREV. WK.
Prime rate	4.00	4.00
3-mo. T-Bill	1.36	1.19
6-mo. T-Bill	1.97	1.67
5-yr T-Note	3.25	2.95
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Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	13,761.83	-436.97	-3.08%	-13.37%
London	7,317.52	-158.69	-2.12%	-.91%
Hong Kong	21,806.18	-62.87	-.29%	-6.80%
Japan	27,824.29	-422.24	-1.49%	-3.36%

Stocks of Local Interest

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
AT&T Inc (T)	20.69	-.19	-15.9
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	94.82	-3.98	-34.1
AeroClean Tech Inc (AERC)	12.50	+3.49	+19.4
Amazon.com Inc (AMZN)	109.65	-6.50	-34.2
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	14.71	-.76	-18.1
Amphenol Corp (APH)	67.55	-1.59	-22.8
Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY)	6.53	-.12	-16.5
Apple Inc (AAPL)	137.13	-5.51	-22.8
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	46.79	+.47	-6.2
BIMI Intl Medical (BIMI)	.68	+.16	-73.5
Bank of America (BAC)	33.17	-1.34	-25.4
Barnes Group (B)	34.93	-1.18	-25.0
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2104.96	-172.88	-12.3
Borqs Technologies (BRQS)	.20	+.03	-46.2
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	75.09	-.89	+20.4
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	93.17	+.43	-9.7
Carnival Corp (CCL)	11.05	-.68	-45.1
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	37.34	-1.51	-31.2
Charter Communic (CHTR)	474.19	-8.07	-27.3
Cigna Corp (CI)	253.29	-4.29	+10.3
Citigroup (C)	47.71	-2.26	-21.0
Cogent Biosciences (COGT)	7.87	+2.91	-8.3
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	41.63	-.55	-17.3
DiDi Global Inc (DIDI)	2.29	-.07	-54.0
Disney (DIS)	99.40	-3.90	-35.8
DocuSign Inc (DOCU)	65.93	-21.43	-56.7
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	104.64	-2.09	-17.9
Ethan Allen (ETD)	22.14	-.71	-15.8
Eversource Energy (ES)	88.03	+.21	-3.2
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Honeywell Intl (HON)	186.28	-5.73	-10.7
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	11.92	+.02	-25.1
Imperial Petroleum (IMPP)	.88	+.06	-58.8
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	18.33	-.55	-27.6
Intel Corp (INTC)	39.18	-.83	-23.9
Kaman (KAMN)	36.24	-1.74	-16.0
Keycorp (KEY)	17.77	-.88	-23.2
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	51.12	-3.27	-25.1

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M&T Bank (MTB)	165.84	-5.52	+8.0
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	31.78	-2.54	-29.2
MetLife Inc (MET)	63.47	-2.54	+1.6
Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	252.99	-11.80	-24.8
Mullen Automotive (MULN)	1.14	-.06	-78.2
NiSun Intl Enterp (NISN)	.78	-.07	-75.7
Norwegian Cruise Ln (NCLH)	13.16	-.60	-36.5
Novartis AG (NVS)	85.06	-1.32	-2.8
Nu Holdings Ltd (NU)	3.64	-.22	-61.2
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	169.74	-10.74	-42.3
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	73.29	-2.71	-15.8
PG&E Corp (PCG)	10.98	-.65	-9.6
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	8.26	-.42	-54.6
Pfizer Inc (PFE)	49.97	-1.81	-15.4
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	4.40	-.14	-33.6
Prudential Fncl (PRU)	98.39	-4.18	-9.1
Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	65.47	+.31	-1.9
Quanergy Systems Inc (QNGY)	.54	+.08	-94.6
Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	95.49	-1.89	+11.0
Redbox Entertainmnt (RDBX)	13.20	+3.73	+78.1
Rogers Corp (ROG)	259.91	-.87	-4.8
SS&C Technlogies (SSNC)	60.51	-1.76	-26.2
Snap Inc A (SNAP)	13.28	-.82	-71.8
SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	5.94	-.17	-62.4
Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	9.10	-.19	+95.3
Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	109.96	-7.96	-41.7
Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	22.26	-.54	-8.4
Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.33	-.02	-43.1
Terex Corp (TEX)	33.98	-1.52	-22.7
Tesla Inc (TSLA)	696.69	-22.43	-34.1
Travelers Cos (TRV)	169.30	-2.23	+8.2
Uber Technologies (UBER)	23.72	-1.72	-43.4
United Rentals (URI)	280.22	-18.18	-15.7
UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	484.63	-4.80	-3.5
Virtus Invest (VRTS)	182.00	-5.88	-38.7
Voya Financial (VOYA)	62.47	-2.74	-5.8
Webster Financial (WBS)	46.27	-1.94	-17.1
White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1230.23	-10.81	+21.3
World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	63.64	-2.83	+29.0
XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	49.48	-2.75	-36.1
Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	17.83	-.71	-21.2
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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't dismiss all the laws Soulemane broke

Someone should also be talking about the fact that Mubarak Soulemane broke so many laws [Page 1, June 4, "Trooper enters not guilty plea"]. Stealing a car is bad enough, but then driving 100 mph on a highway, endangering everyone around him, resisting police, not stopping, then continuing to not cooperate by refusing to get out of the vehicle when asked to by Officer Brian North, and then drawing a knife that could have endangered all the officers' lives. How many laws have to be broken and disobeyed? There's another side to the story that should be told.

Candace Collins, Hartford

Horrible review of 'Cabaret' by Arnott

Don't let Christopher Arnott's terrible review of "Cabaret" keep you from seeing this show [Connecticut, Page 3, June 2, "Goodspeed delivers benign, bewildering, cowardly 'Cabaret' "]. The production I saw was quite different from that described by Arnott. The review was terrible in more than one sense. Surely a proper review should include references to the talent displayed by individual performers. The performance given by Aline Mayagoitia as Sally Bowles was absolutely dazzling and the singing and dancing by the entire ensemble was of the very high quality that Goodspeed patrons have come to expect.

Arnott described how the "Cabaret" story has been presented in four very different versions and then complains that the Goodspeed production isn't like any of them. Fair enough, but this one is more than worth the price of admission.

Robert Burnett, Farmington

HS student reminds us to value education

I have been reading "The Girl with the Louding Voice" by Nigerian author Abi Daré. In the story there is a girl named Adunni who wants to become a teacher, but is forced into a marriage. In poor parts of countries such as Nigeria, women are scapegoats for their families and just like Adunni, they are little kids — not even legal age — becoming sex slaves for whomever their parents pick. This not only is happening in a story, it's still happening in the world. Girls are not getting proper education and when they are used, they are discarded and have no real experience and can barely communicate due to the lack of education. Malcolm X said that "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." Education is Adunni's passport. Education is your passport to having a successful life, but their passport was stolen by those they trusted most. I want to remind you to be thankful for what you have and to use your passport wisely and don't waste it on fooling around. There is always time to play but not always time to learn.

Janiel D. Caceres, Windsor

The writer is a freshman at Windsor High School

Want to save on gas? Slow down

Oh my, high fuel prices. I think people just like to complain. I drive often between New Hampshire and North Carolina and the way drivers greatly exceed the speed limit and thus reduce their miles per gallon makes me think that they don't really care what they spend on fuel.

Michael Cannon, Bloomfield

Small, worthwhile sacrifice for the common good

Matthew Iglesias, in an op-ed about gun policies, calls semi-automatic weapons "terrifying," and then claims that people would be subject to "considerable sacrifice" if they were taken off the market. Really? A bit of hyperbole, seems to me. It would be a small and worthwhile sacrifice for the common good.

Martin Reiter, East Haddam

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OP-ED

18th-century case still matters with Roe v. Wade in the balance

By Lisa Hall Brownell



The U.S. Supreme Court building in Washington is seen in 2021. **DANIEL SLIM/GETTY-AFP**

The name Sarah Bramble does not appear in many history books, yet her 1753 hanging was one of the last two legal executions of a woman in Connecticut.

The teenage girl was accused of taking the life of her illegitimate newborn — a child she delivered unassisted one cold March night — but there was no evidence to prove that the baby girl had been a live birth. Bramble had pleaded not guilty, maintaining her innocence until she was put to death.

More than 2 ½ centuries later, her story presents a case for a woman's right to control her own body.

My historical novel, "Gallows Road" (Elm Grove Press), was inspired by Sarah's plight. To acknowledge several unknowns — her exact age, the father of her illegitimate child or even where she was buried — I chose to create a fictional narrator named Mercy Bramble.

Some things in the historical record were clear, however, and I incorporated those details in the novel. While the father of her child remained free and blameless, Sarah was imprisoned for more than a year. Thousands attended her hanging in New London, a public spectacle, according to one report.

The title of her court case — Rex v. Sarah Bramble — brings to mind the image of a grossly unfair fight: the all-powerful King George II of England versus a young, illiterate, illegitimate servant girl in the colonies. Sarah had been arrested, imprisoned, put on trial and condemned to death by a jury of 12 men. Although this happened in the so-called "Age of Reason," court records state that she was "moved by instigations of The Devil" to take her baby's life at the hour of its birth.

As an indentured servant Sarah Bramble had always known a life of hardships. She could not read or write, and because she was unbaptized she'd been banned from attending church, making her a veritable outcast. Indentured servants were forbidden to marry during the seven years they were bonded to service.

Illegitimate births were common, and unwed mothers faced heavy fines and extended servitude.

In predominantly British colonies, it was considered dangerous, but not a crime, for a woman to terminate a pregnancy in its first few months. Although this was referred to by terms such as "restoring the menses," women often resorted to taking poisonous herbs that were natural abortifacients.

A kind of risky "Plan B," these methods were legal as long as they occurred before "the quickening," when a mother felt the first fetal movements at about four to five months. We do not know whether Sarah had tried any of these common "remedies."

Sarah was not the last female to be executed in Connecticut; it is almost unimaginable, but that infamous distinction goes to Hannah Occuish, a 12-year-old orphan with an intellectual disability.

Charged with murdering a 6-year-old girl, Hannah was hanged in 1786. She was the youngest person ever executed in the United States.

Their alleged crimes were very different, but I believe the two girls had something important in common: Both were illegitimate children, unwanted, unloved and abandoned by parents who could not afford to care for them. Both were young women who had few rights, under British common law and later American law.

Ultimately, both were marginalized and then martyred by society.

One could argue that "Gallows Road" relates an intensely personal struggle, not necessarily a political one. Yet even as I delved into circumstances from three centuries ago I saw why "the personal is political."

Sarah Bramble faced a terrible punishment because she lived in a world without choices, presumably a harsher world than our own. Yet it is cold comfort that her case occurred in the 18th century when, in April, police arrested a 26-year-old San Antonio woman on a murder charge for allegedly self-inducing an abortion. The charges were dropped several days later, but that didn't change the draconian Texas abortion law — a law that might become more common if Roe v. Wade is overturned.

If Sarah were alive today, I believe she would have a message for all women: Choices are hard, but not having one is even harder.

Lisa Hall Brownell is the author of the novel, "Gallows Road." She lives in Connecticut.

OP-ED

You can take voter anger about crime seriously without abandoning reform

By E.J. Dionne Jr.
The Washington Post



"We are told to be patient as Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., a champion of sane gun laws, tries to wheedle modest concessions from Republican negotiators in the wake of the heart-rending and preventable tragedies in Uvalde and Buffalo that demand so much more," writes E.J. Dionne Jr. **J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP**

WASHINGTON — News flash: Voters don't like crime, chaos, disorder or violence. They are angry and horrified over mass killings and police shootings of unarmed Black men. They don't want their lives disrupted by petty crime, which doesn't feel petty when it hits you. Many who live in cities, including very liberal ones, think the public authorities have lost control.

Elections, like scripture, are read in different ways for different purposes. The recall of San Francisco's liberal District Attorney Chesa Boudin, D, is being widely cast as a political earthquake that will shatter the movement for police reform and reinforce calls for tougher law enforcement.

The first round of the Los Angeles mayor's race is being read much the same way. Rick Caruso, a Republican turned (at least nominally) Democratic, spent at least $40 million on a campaign pledging stern action against crime and homelessness. He stormed into a runoff with Democratic Rep. Karen Bass, once the contest's heavy favorite.

Let's stipulate: Something big is happening, not unlike the backlash in the late 1980s and early 1990s when voters reacted against much higher crime rates than the ones we're seeing now. In 1993, Republican mayors were elected in very Democratic cities — Rudy Giuliani in New York and Richard Riordan in Los Angeles — by promising to restore order.

But the California vote is not this week's only news. On Wednesday, the House heard testimony from families affected by mass shootings. Despite the media's focus on what's wrong with liberals' approach to crime, conservatives continue to do the gun manufacturers' bidding by dragging their feet on efforts to strengthen our nation's pathetically weak weapons statutes.

We are told to be patient as Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., a champion of sane gun laws, tries to wheedle modest concessions from Republican negotiators in the wake of the heart-rending and preventable tragedies in Uvalde and Buffalo that demand so much more.

The GOP is utterly opposed to a ban on assault weapons and seems to be resisting raising the age for purchasing them. Why? Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., explained. "In my state, they use them to shoot prairie dogs and, you know, other types of varmints," Thune said. "And so I think there are legitimate reasons why people would want to have them."

Varmints? Really?

Rep. Don Beyer, D-Va., had some news for Sen. Thune. "Across the country," he tweeted, "'they use them to shoot' human beings in schools, grocery stores, hospitals, churches, synagogues, malls, bars, and workplaces."

As for calls for police reform after the killings of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and others, they were and are rooted in the same moral sense that leads to demands for safer streets and neighborhoods: Innocent people should not be killed, whether by criminals or those we count on to be the forces of order. We need better policing in both senses of that word: Better, as in more effective, and better, as in more just and more responsive to community concerns.

Ousting Boudin will not suddenly solve San Francisco's crime problems, partly because the city's challenges are broadly similar to those in other cities — including jurisdictions with old-fashioned, pre-reform-era prosecutors. My guess is that many who backed the recall know this but saw their ballots as the one vehicle they had to shout out their frustration.

Progressives will be lectured in the coming weeks about the need to take the public's desire for order seriously. The hectoring will be annoying, but they shouldn't resist the advice. The desire to contain crime crosses racial, ethnic and political divides. The current sense of insecurity undercuts every goal progressives have — including police and criminal justice reform as well as more effective and compassionate policies on drug addiction and homelessness.

At the same time, they should not abandon those objectives, which are as urgent today as they were last month or last year. And liberals must continue to call the right wing's bluff on regulating weapons. Those who remain under the control of the gun and varmint-patrol lobbies have no standing to cast themselves as champions of law and order.

Our nation needs an honest and comprehensive reckoning with the sense of vulnerability so many of our fellow citizens feel. It must start not with polling or focus groups but with the sense of our shared humanity that Robert F. Kennedy invoked in 1968 during another cycle of division and violence.

"Whenever any American's life is taken by another American unnecessarily," Kennedy said, "whether it is done in the name of the law or in the defiance of law, by one man or a gang, in cold blood or in passion, in an attack of violence or in response to violence — whenever we tear at the fabric of life which another man has painfully and clumsily woven for himself and his children, the whole nation is degraded."

We need order. We need justice. And a free society will never get one without the other.

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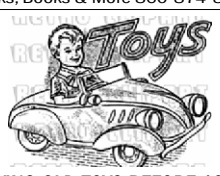


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6/11, 6/18/2022 7231029

LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Architectural, Design and Related Engineering Services for Schematic Design and Preparation of a Construction Cost Estimate for Renovations of the "1928 Building"

Proposals will be accepted at the Town Manager's Office, Farmington Town Hall,1 Monteith Drive, Farmington, CT 06032 until 2:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time on Monday, June 27, 2022. Instructions to bidders may be obtained at www.farmington-ct.org. Links: Departments > Finance & Purchasing > Purchasing > Bids

The 1928 Building Committee intends to utilize the firm selected from this Request for Proposal for schematic architectural, design and related engineering and cost estimating services for the renovations of a portion(s) of the existing high school facility to municipal office space/community use. The services provided by the selected firm will be used for referendum purposes. The successful firm must have demonstrated extensive experience in the conversion of old educational facilities into office/municipal space.

Qualified firms are required to submit their Proposal in accordance with the solicitation package requirements. The firm must meet all municipal, state and federal affirmative action and equal employment opportunity practices. One original, twelve (12) copies, and one electronic copy (Adobe PDF) of the proposal must be submitted to the Town Manager's Office by the deadline.

After review of all qualifications, the 1928 Building Committee reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or any part thereof, or waive defects in same, or accept any proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Farmington.

A mandatory walkthrough is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Monday, June 20, 2022. Prospective proposers will meet at the visitor's entrance of Farmington High School, 10 Monteith Drive, Farmington, CT 06032. The selected consultant will enter into a contract with the Building Committee. All questions or comments regarding this solicitation package must be submitted to Kathryn Krajewski, Assistant Town Manager, via email at krajewskik@farmington-ct.org by 4:30 PM. on Wednesday, June 22, 2022.
7231229

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT (NAA) PROGRAM JUNE 16, 2022

A Public Hearing will be held in Hartford City Hall Council Chambers, 550 Main Street, 2nd Floor on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 5:00 pm to allow interested citizens an opportunity to express their opinions regarding the NAA Proposals submitted to the City for next fiscal year funding.
The location of the public hearing is wheelchair accessible. Language interpreter(s) and interpreters(s) for the hearing impaired will be made available if requested in advance.

The Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) is a program of the State Department of Revenue Services (DRS) designed to encourage funding for municipal and tax exempt organizations by providing a corporation business tax credit for businesses wishing to make cash contributions to qualifying entities. Up to $5 million in tax credits will be made available in the State of Connecticut through the 2022 NAA program.

City Council approved NAA program proposals will be submitted to the State Department of Revenue Services (DRS) before July 1, 2022.

On or about September 15, 2022, the State Department of Revenue Services will provide the City of Hartford with a listing of approved program proposals. Between September 15, 2022 and October 1, 2022 area businesses electing to support organizations with approved program proposals must complete and submit an NAA-02 Application Form with the State Department of Revenue Services. Formal approval of any tax credits granted is expected from the Department of Revenue Services in January 2023.

For inquiries, please contact Ronnie Vazquez, NAA Liaison, at (860) 757-9284 or via email at Ronnie.Vazquez@hartford.gov.

The Neighborhood Assistance Act Program is authorized as per Chapter 228a of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S., 12-631 - 12-638) and Public Act 95-268.
6/7-6/16/22 7227904

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East Hartford Public Schools District-Wide

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City of Bristol, Connecticut
INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that the Purchasing Department for the City of Bristol, Connecticut is accepting bid proposals on the following:

2022-097 Digital Video technology Equipment for use within Memorial Boulevard IntraDistrict Arts Magnet School; bids due June 27, 2022 at 11:30 am

Proposal submissions will be accepted by the Purchasing Department until the date and time noted above; submissions received after this date and time will not be considered. Interested firms are required to submit one original copy via digital media of the proposal to Roger Rousseau, Purchasing Agent, no later than the date and time noted above. Submissions may be made via email, shared file service, or USB drive delivered to the address noted below; the City does not assume responsibility for failure of submissions to be received by the City by the date and time noted above.

The successful bidder shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, gender, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, gender, or national origin.

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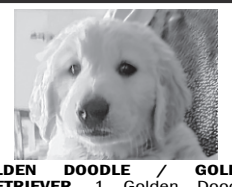
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Harold C. Buckingham Jr.
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Rocchina M. Brzeski
Enfield
Phillip S. Bauckman Sr.
Concetta M. Guerriero-Angers
Glastonbury
Harold C. Buckingham Jr.
New Britain
Ann K. Pimm
Other Towns in CT
Rocchina M. Brzeski
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Richard J. Avicolli

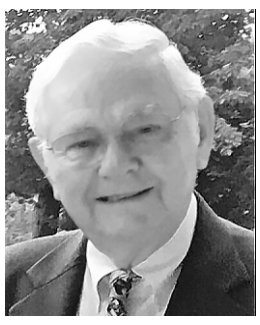
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Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES



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Buckingham, Jr., Harold Canute



Harold Canute Buckingham, Jr., 91, of Seabury, Bloomfield, CT died on June 5, 2022 at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital with his three children comforting him as he completed his journey and joined his wife and soulmate, Joyce Chesebro Buckingham, in heaven. He was born on November 3, 1930 in Wilkes-Barre, PA to the late Reverend Harold and Dorothy (Coats) Buckingham. Harold moved to Oneonta, NY in 1937 and attended the Oneonta Public Schools. He was a boarder student at Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School, Kingston, PA, for his junior and senior high school years, graduating in 1948. He was a graduate of Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT Class of 1952 and University of Virginia Law School, Charlottesville, VA Class of 1957. He was also an honorary member of Oneonta High School Class of 1948.

Harold served in the Korean conflict from 1952 to 1954 in the 24th Infantry Division, 34th Regiment. He was present for the truce on July 27, 1953 and participated in the subsequent exchange of prisoners of war at Panmunjom.

On September 11, 1954, one day after returning from Korea, Harold married Joyce, also of Oneonta, whom he had known since he was 7 and she 5. The couple lived in Charlottesville, VA from 1954 to 1957 while Harold attended law school and moved to Hartford, CT in 1957. They lived in Hartford and West Hartford before moving to Glastonbury, CT where they resided for 45 years. Their latest residence has been at the Seabury Retirement Community in Bloomfield, CT where they have enjoyed living since 2011. For the past 50 years, Harold has thoroughly enjoyed vacationing, in summer and especially winter, with his family and friends at Kezar Lake, Lovell, Maine.

Harold practiced law for over 50 years at Day, Berry & Howard, LLP (now Day Pitney) in Hartford, CT. Even though he was a partner at a large firm, he always considered himself to be a country lawyer.

Harold was a member of the United Methodist Church of Hartford for 30 years, where he was active in the church leadership and was a member of the choir. For the past 30 years, he has been a member of Center Church Hartford where he has played a major role in that church's building preservation and financial strength.

Harold supported numerous educational institutions, acting as Trustee and board member at Wyoming Seminary, Wesleyan University, and the former Hartford College for Women and as a Corporator of the Hartford International University.

He also mentored and contributed to countless charitable and civic organizations, including, as director of the Bushnell Park Foundation, the YMCA of Greater Hartford and YMCA Camp Woodstock, Connecticut Community Care, as Trustee of the Calvin K. Kazanjian Economics Foundation, and as president of the Civitan Club of Hartford. He served Glastonbury as chairman of its Zoning Board of Appeals, and the vice chairman of its Housing Authority.

He was an avid sports enthusiast and might be found watching any game or any team that happened to be playing, but was most passionate about his teams; The Boston Red Sox, The New York Giants and UConn Women's Basketball. He also loved researching historical and genealogical facts and was known to frequent ancient and secluded burial grounds.

Harold is survived by his three children, Margaret L. Buckingham, of Dover, NH, Harold C. Buckingham, III, of Marlborough, MA, and Janet C. Buckingham, of Ballston Lake, NY, and his six grandchildren, Brian Eller (Kelley), Ashley Eller, Timothy Buckingham, Matthew Buckingham (Candace), Courtney Round and Shannon Round, of all of whom he was enormously proud. He is also survived by a special "surrogate" granddaughter, Anne Kabagambe, of Uganda and Washington, DC. He was predeceased by his wife, his parents, his sister and brother-in-law, Barbara Buckingham and Roger W. Williams, his brother, Robert C. Buckingham, MD (Thelma) and his first wife, Carol Whiting Buckingham, and his brother, Walter W. Buckingham (Anne).

For those wishing to pay tribute to Harold, in lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to either the 1636 Heritage Partnership, Inc., 60 Gold Street, Hartford, CT 06103, dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Hartford's third oldest surviving building, the 1807 Meeting House of Center Church, Hartford. Or to Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School, Alumni and Development Office, 201 North Sprague Avenue, Kingston, PA 18704.

There will be a memorial service for Harold at Center Church, 675 Main Street, Hartford (across from the Wadsworth Atheneum) at 11 AM on Saturday, July 23, 2022. Further details will be published closer to the date.

For those wishing to greet the family, calling hours will be held at Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford on Thursday, July 21 from 6 PM to 8 PM and Friday, July 22 from 2 PM to 4 PM.

Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com

The family would like to thank the amazing staff of Lawrence + Memorial Hospital, unit 5.2 and the Palliative Care team for the excellent and compassionate care provided during the last month of our Dad's life.

Sheehan Hilborn Breen
FUNERAL HOME

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Pimm, Ann K



Ann K Pimm of New Britain, CT who loved to be called "Granny" by the grandchildren and great grandchildren departed her loving family on June 8th, 2022, at the age of 101. She was born in Hartford, CT on July 26,1920 to Ana and Anthony Kus.

Ann is survived by her son William G Pimm Jr. (Raquel Perez) of Alachua FL; grandmother to Laura P. Markwald, (Jared Markwald) of Rockingham, VA; great grandmother to Connor Markwald and Chloe Markwald, and aunt to Greg Emerling and Robert Emerling of Barstow, CA.

Ann K. Pimm has been a local legend ever since she left home to dance on Broadway. She began teaching dance lessons in Wethersfield to help pay for her own dance lessons in New York City. After graduating from high school in 1938, Ann went into office work at Hartford Hospital. She worked there for a few years, making the commute to New York for her dance lessons. She was able to make a career in dance for herself after auditioning—and being one of the 24 chosen—for the Roxyettes, predecessor of the Rockettes, who performed at Roxy's Theater. Ann performed in numerous Broadway musicals: "Crazy with the Heat", "Pal Joey", "High Kickers", "Something for the Boys", "One Touch of Venus", "Let Freedom Sing", working with Mary Martin, Ethel Merman, Gene Kelly, Allan Jones, Desi Arnaz (before Lucy), Van Johnson, Joan Blondell, Dorothy Kirsten, and many others.

When Ann's last Broadway musical "One Touch of Venus" closed, she left NY to resettle in Wethersfield with her husband. Ann resumed the teaching career she had started while in high school, holding spring recitals at the Bushnell. She taught ballet, jazz, tap and acrobatics to help her students in gym class and with cheerleading. She taught deportment and manners along with dancing, and taught ballroom dancing to a couple generations of middle school students. Ann acted and sang in the Wethersfield Community Players and church musical shows. She formed the Connecticut Opera Ballet, where she was mistress for 8 years. Ann taught dance for 55 years, finally retiring at the age of 80.

She studied with Florence M. Greenland of West Hartford, at the Ballet Repertory Academy in New York and at the National Academy of Ballet in Toronto, Canada. Her most notable students include Fashion Designer Betsy Johnson, Susan Gigliotti Ford, soloist with the West Palm Beach Ballet Company, teacher, choreographer; Sandra Richardson Stanton, New York musicals, teacher; Linda Erickson Rawlings, teacher, choreographer in San Francisco; Joan Conceison, dance choreographer for Wethersfield High School musicals.

Family will receive friends and relatives Sunday, June 12, 2022 from 2:00PM to 4:00PM at Rose Hill Funeral Home 580 Elm St. Rocky Hill, CT. Services will be Monday, June 13, 2022 at 10AM also at Rose Hill Funeral Home with burial to follow in the Rose Hill Memorial Park. Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories or photo tributes at www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com.

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Avicolli, Richard Joseph

Richard Joseph Avicolli, 82, of Lebanon, NH, formerly of Quechee, VT and West Hartford, CT died peacefully on June 7th, 2022 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center with his family by his side. Richard was the beloved husband of Jeanne (Tesik) Avicolli. He was born on March 8th, 1940, in Philadelphia, PA, first son of Dominic and Margaret (Irrera) Avicolli. He attended Monsignor Bonner High School and Villanova University in Philadelphia. In his professional career, he worked as a salesman for Oscar Meyer, President of Copral Imports, Life Insurance Specialist for Allstate Insurance, and most recently founder and owner of HIlltop Financial Services in Quechee, VT. As a young man, Richard was very athletic, playing baseball and softball and was a lifelong sports fan. He also enjoyed reading books and watching documentaries about history, most especially The American Civil War and World War II. In retirement, he enjoyed many years of golf and respectful debate on American politics with close friends at the Quechee Club in Quechee, VT. Richard was predeceased by his parents, his brother Robert (Bobby), and his daughter Karen Share. In addition to his wife, he is survived by: his children Denise Avicolli of CT, Michael Avicolli (Tracy) of CT, and Elizabeth Avicolli (Isaac Carty) of Vermont; his grandchildren Alex Share of South Carolina, Katherine Share of CT, Grace Carty of Vermont, and Dominic and Anthony Avicolli of CT; his brother Anthony (Pauline) of Pennsylvania; along with several loving in-laws, nieces, and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday June 14, 2022, at 11 o'clock in the morning. Condolences to his family maybe left at an online guestbook at www.knightfuneralhomes.com

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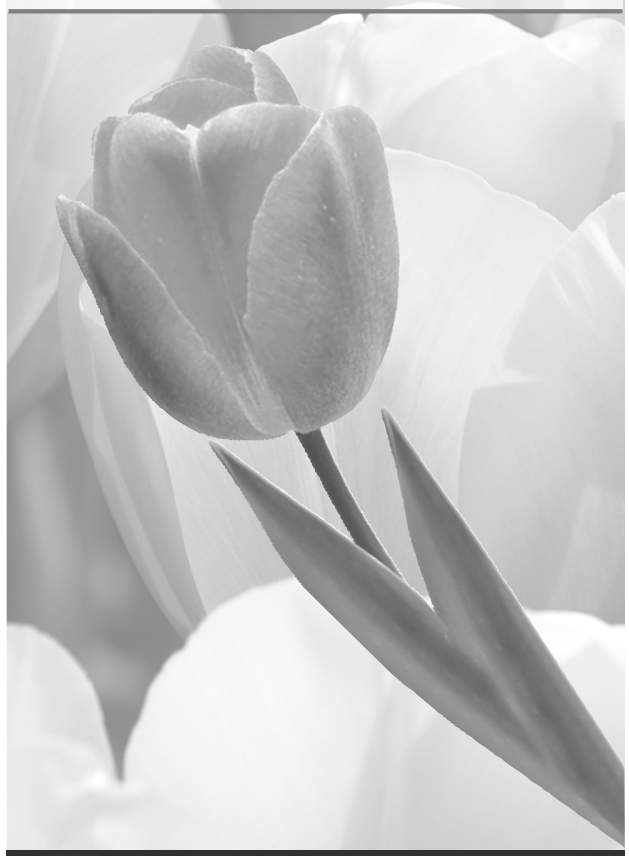


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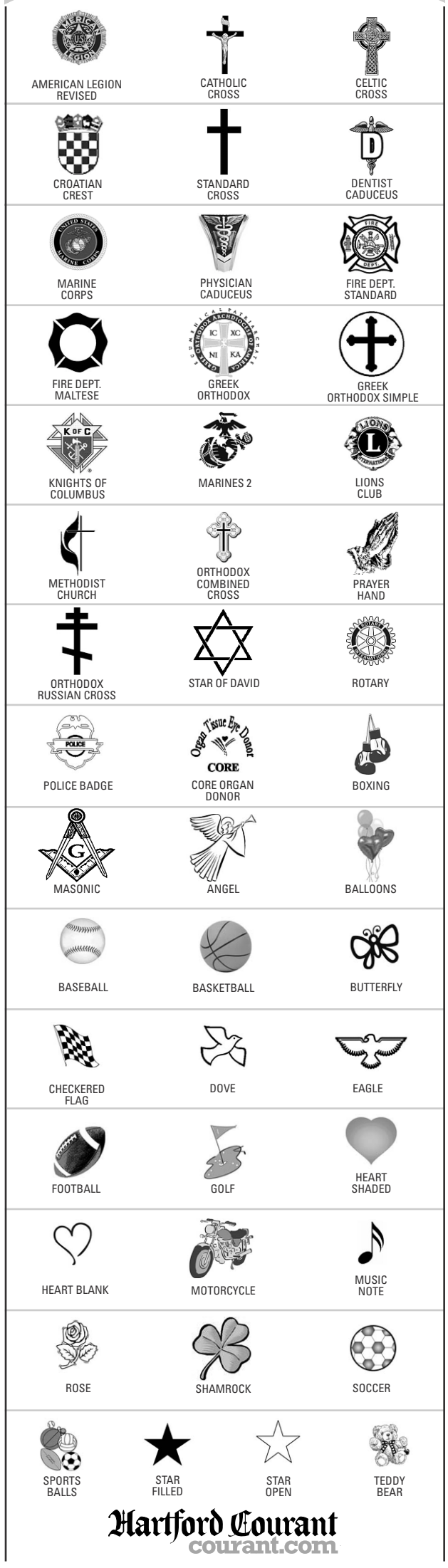
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‘Boutique’ hotel plan meets resistance



A consultant’s image of what a hotel proposed for West Street in Southington would look like. **TOWN OF SOUTHINGTON/COURTESY**

Some neighbors point to potential traffic issues in the heart of Southington’s Plantsville section

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

A developer is proposing what he calls a boutique hotel for the Plantsville section of Southington, but at least a few neighbors are opposing the idea.

If local officials approve the plan, the 54-room hotel would become the eighth in town, but the first in Plantsville.

Developer Jaymin Mehta’s GLNK LLC wants to build a three-story hotel on a vacant West Street lot just a block away from Exit 30 of I-84.

The Canton-based company paid $400,000 for the parcel in 2016, according to town land records. The land is currently zoned as industrial.

GLNK’s diagrams show a three-story, 22,600-square-foot building with a laundry area, two elevators, a small gym, meeting space, a compact lounge and pantry space. The property would have 55 parking spaces.

A small clock tower would rise at the center of the roofline, according to diagrams prepared by Schadler Shelnau Associates, a Farmington architect working for GLNK.

Some neighbors are asking the planning and zoning commission to look carefully at traffic impacts on West Street, a busy north-south connector that leads to Bristol.

“I hope the town seriously considers the negative implications this project will have on our historic village. The number of vehicles and people crowded into a 1.1-acre parcel is an accident waiting to happen,” West Street homeowner Lisa DePaolo wrote in a letter to commissioners.

In a traffic report commissioned by GLNK, consultant F.A. Hesketh & Associates concluded that the hotel would generate about 35 new

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Cigna’s Express Scripts probed

FTC targeting group of ‘middlemen’ in US prescription system

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Express Scripts, the pharmacy benefit manager that Cigna Corp. in Bloomfield bought in 2018, is being investigated by the Federal Trade Commission for what regulators claim is influence over drug prices wielded by pharmacy benefit managers and a lack of transparent business practices.

The FTC also is targeting pharmacy benefit managers at CVS Caremark; OptumRx Inc., Humana Inc.; Prime Therapeutics LLC; and MedImpact Healthcare Systems Inc.

“Although many people have never heard of pharmacy benefit managers, these powerful middlemen have enormous influence over the U.S. prescription drug system,” FTC Chair Lina M. Khan said this week in announcing the investigation. “This study will shine a light on these companies’ practices and their impact on pharmacies, payers, doctors and patients.”

Pharmacy benefit managers often have enormous influence over which drugs are prescribed, which pharmacies patients may use and how much patients pay, she said.

“Many of these functions depend on highly complicated, opaque contractual relationships that are difficult or impossible to understand for patients and independent businesses across the prescription drug system,” Khan said.

PBMs manage private insurance clients and Medicaid and Medicare prescription plans and own retail and mail-order pharmacies.

The federal inquiry will examine fees and clawbacks charged to unaffiliated pharmacies, methods to steer patients toward pharmacy benefit manager-owned pharmacies, potentially unfair audits of independent pharmacies, complicated and opaque methods to determine pharmacy reimbursement and the prevalence of prior authorizations and other administrative restrictions.

Express Scripts said it looks forward “to working cooperatively with the Federal Trade Commission to share information about our mission to ensure Americans have safe and affordable access to medications they need.” Cigna paid $67 billion for Express Scripts in 2018.

Humana said pharmacy benefit managers “play an important role in lowering the cost of prescription drugs and improving health care outcomes for patients.”

Mike Kolar, senior vice president and general counsel at Prime Therapeutics, said the firm intends to cooperate with the FTC probe.

A spokesman for CVS Caremark said it will “look forward

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The ‘Mo-Pho’ bus is coming to town: Owners of the new entertainment venue on wheels say city is ‘vibrant, artistic’



Teresa Joseph and Chris Randall pose in front of their double-decker bus being renovated to become a mobile venue for entertainment, photo shoots and more. **CHRIS RANDALL/COURTESY**

ON THE ROAD TO HARTFORD

By Pam McLoughlin
Hartford Courant

A 30-foot-long double-decker bus from Liverpool, England, that’s being transformed into a traveling venue for intimate concerts, art shows, dancing, creative photo shoots — and anything else envisioned — should be hitting the road by the end of summer.

Hartford is sure to be one of the communities where “The Mo-Pho” bus hosts events on its statewide adventures. It’s a favorite Connecticut city of owners Teresa Joseph and business and romantic partner Chris Randall.

The couple last year famously did a photo shoot and community engagement activity in Bushnell Park with the tall, willowy Joseph dressed in a Sasquatch costume and Randall, a professional photographer, shooting the interactions.

Joseph found Hartford “vibrant, artistic, enjoyable,” she said.

“All I could see is that beautiful bus on Pratt Street,” Joseph said. “I have an absolute obsession with Pratt Street.”

Mo-Pho is short for mobile photo studio and “is fun for people to say,” because of its other meanings. It’s not a photo booth or a party bus, and it won’t be carrying people while moving.

Its is an on-site mobile venue where Joseph envisions intimate concerts, art shows, yoga classes, workshops, dancing, photo shoots and general celebrations. It can also be used as an extension space for restaurants or retail venues.

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“Everybody’s interested from all walks of life. It’s all indicative of how fertile the opportunity is for connection. It’s going to build community. The possibilities are limitless.”

— Teresa Joseph, co-owner of “The Mo-Pho”

Motion filed in mascot dispute

Opponents seeking to keep West Hartford from moving forward

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

WEST HARTFORD — Another round of legal proceedings flared up Thursday and Friday after the two residents who filed an 11th-hour lawsuit seeking to block the West Hartford Board of Education from adopting new mascots at its two public high schools filed another motion seeking a temporary injunction barring the schools from moving forward with the new monikers until a virtual hearing is held on July 7.

The school board on Tuesday evening voted to change the mascots at Hall and Conard high schools from the Warriors and Chieftains to the Titans and Red Wolves, respectively.

In February, the school board voted to retire the Warriors and Chieftains mascots at the end of the year. For years, the mascots had come under scrutiny over whether they were culturally insensitive. The logos that included Native American imagery at both schools were scrapped in 2015, though the names had been allowed to continue until the vote in February.

Committees — composed of students, faculty, coaches and parents, among others — were established at both high schools to come up with new mascots, which were then presented to the school board by Hall Principal Dan Zittoun and Conard Principal Jamahl Hines on Tuesday night.

On Monday, Scott Zweig, an attorney who has been a vocal opponent to changing the mascots, filed a lawsuit along with resident Mary McGowan seeking to enjoin the school board from voting on the matter.

The lawsuit, which names the West Hartford Board of Education, West Hartford Public Schools, Superintendent of Schools Tom Moore and Assistant Superintendent for Administration Andrew Morrow as

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“The Chieftain Project,” a play dramatizing the controversy over changing the town’s sports team name and mascot, was staged by students in May 2021. **CONARD DRAMA/COURTESY**

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MILFORD

3 youths arrested in Walnut Beach fights

Three juveniles were arrested following a large number of fights that broke out at Walnut Beach on May 30, according Milford Police.

Police said officers tried to address the fights but were quickly overwhelmed by the "large, unruly crowd and were assaulted." Two officers were knocked to the ground and had their body cameras ripped off their bodies, police said.

Since then, an investigation has been ongoing into the incident. Police said there are warrants upcoming for two more juveniles and five adults stemming from the fights.

Milford police put out messages asking for help identifying individuals from the fight on June 2 and May 31. They had an increased police presence on the beach on June 1.

— Mike Mavredakis

Arrest made in '21 Southington shooting that led to manhunt

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

A Waterbury man was arrested for a 2021 shooting that led to a multi-day search near Rogers Orchard in Southington, police said.

State detectives arrested Steven Texidor, 31 of Waterbury, for assault, gun and robbery charges at Waterbury Superior Court on Thursday morning, according to police.

Texidor was charged in connection to a shooting and suspected robbery on I-84 West near Exits 25 and 26 on June 25, 2021, according to the arrest warrant. He faces one count of criminal possession of a firearm, first-degree assault, first-degree robbery, carrying a pistol or revolver without a permit, first-degree conspiracy to commit assault and first-degree conspiracy to commit robbery.

Texidor and a friend were driving the victim to a bar in Waterbury from a bar in Southington, according to a statement from the victim in the arrest warrant. The victim stated that he was hit in the face with a gun. He stated he tried to fight back but was eventually shot in the abdomen and the vehicle stopped. He said that he was then kicked while on the ground before hearing sirens, and the two others ran off into the woods.

Troopers found the victim in the car alone and he was taken to St. Mary's Hospital for treatment. The vehicle had sustained damage consistent with impact with a concrete barrier, according to the arrest warrant.

Police shut down the Rogers Orchards area for days, searching on foot, by drone and helicopter for a man believed to be armed and dangerous. They shut down a portion of I-84, too.

Texidor was already at Waterbury court for an unrelated matter when detectives served him the arrest warrant, according to the release.

His bond was set at $250,000, and he was arraigned on the same day.

HARTFORD

Man, 64, dies after hit by delivery truck

An 64-year-old man died after he was hit by a delivery box truck in Hartford on Friday morning, according to police.

Hartford police responded to a report of a pedestrian stuck by a vehicle at the Underwood Elderly Apartment on Laurel Street around 10:15 a.m. Police located the man, who was suffering from injuries as a result of the accident. He was transported to a local hospital where he died, police said.

The man was a resident of the apartment complex, according to police. The driver of the delivery box truck that collided with the man backing up remained on-scene and was cooperative, police said.

The incident appears accidental in nature, police said, but it is under investigation.

— Mike Mavredakis

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to working cooperatively with the Federal Trade Commission."

OptumRx and MedImpact Healthcare Systems did not respond to emails seeking comment.

Spencer Perlman, managing partner and director of health care research at Veda Partners in Bethesda, Maryland, said in a client note Thursday that pharmacy benefit managers can "win the war," but substantive reforms to the industry are possible.

He believes the FTC will lay the groundwork for enforcement actions targeting certain business practices such as pharmacy concessions, pricing, certain formulary management activities, including manufacturer rebates, and the control of wholly owned specialty pharmacies.

Perlman said Congress could limit or prohibit certain PBM business practices or authorize the FTC to draft industry rules.

"There is bipartisan frustration with PBMs and it is possible that lawmakers could take matters into their own hands if they feel the FTC is unable to address the issue adequately on its own," he said.

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vehicle trips in the morning and afternoon rush hours.

"It is our professional opinion that the traffic volumes associated with the proposed development can readily be accommodated by the existing road network," Hesketh reported.

But resident Robert Rembish emailed the commission with a photo showing a long line of cars at the West Street and West Main Street intersection next to the hotel site.

"This wasn't a planned photo but look at the traffic on a street that already has three hotels," Rembish wrote.

This week, DePaolo sent a second letter, advising that new documents from the applicant had appeared to add a full basement that wasn't shown in the original plans.

"This adds significant usage to the space as a four-story building," she wrote. "In the schematic plan, all of these amenities were included on the main floor. This change has increased the size and usage space of this hotel by 25%. The 1.1-acre parcel cannot safely accommodate this establishment."

The size of the hotel has stayed consistent at 54 rooms, however, since Mehta's plans were first submitted in mid-winter.

Three years ago, Mehta approached the town with plans for an 80-room, five-story hotel, but withdrew the application after meeting resistance.

This time, Mehta must get site plan approval from town planners if he is to build. The planning and zoning commission has tabled action on new plans several times, most recently on Tuesday night.

"My understanding is we're waiting for water department approval or input. Until all of this stuff is in, we're not going to act on anything," Chairman Robert Hammersley said.

The commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is June 28.

If Mehta's new plan is approved, the hotel would be the first on the southern end of West Street and near Exit 30.

At Exit 31, 2 miles to the north, West Street is far busier and developers have built several mid-market hotels in the past two decades. The first, a Residence Inn, opened in 2003, followed by a Homewood Suites in 2013 and a Courtyard by Marriott in 2018.

Those hotels were at least partly aimed at visitors to ESPN and Lake Compounce, and were part of a rapid-fire building spree that added a Lowe's, a Target and several restaurants and small shops in a compact area that had been largely undeveloped before 2000.

Southington's other lodging choices are chiefly budget motels on Queen Street clustered around I-84's Exit 32.

"It is our professional opinion that the traffic volumes associated with the proposed development can readily be accommodated by the existing road network,"

— Consultant F.A. Hesketh & Associates, in a traffic report commissioned by GLINK



Jordan Joseph helps renovate a double-decker bus that his sister, Teresa Joseph, and her partner are turning into a traveling entertainment and photo shoot venue. **THE NOTORIOUS P.I.C./COURTESY**

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"The opportunity is limitless for collaboration," Joseph said. "I'm always trying to find a way for multiple people to partake."

The rough vision for "The Mo-Pho" came to Joseph a couple of years ago on her six-minute drive to work. The day before that, she and Randall had gone on a downtown New Haven adventure — she dressed like a kitty, and he a bunny.

The couple started taking photos and the public engaged.

"Everyone wanted to pose with the kitty and the bunny," she said. At some point, a happy observer put $1 in Randall's costume.

"We gushed that we had made our first dollar together just being our ridiculous selves," Joseph said. "I realized we both love bringing people joy."

That gave her the idea for a mobile photo studio, but it wasn't financially feasible at the time. Instead, the couple who live in New Haven started the more-affordable "The Notorious P.I.C." photo booth business.

It was a sidestep to The Mo-Pho, although Joseph never let that vision go. The Mo-Pho moved to reality after Joseph was given a small lump sum of money from a property her mother sold. While she was looking for a vehicle, she built up additional funds.

She didn't want a van, so commonplace for photo businesses. Instead, she ultimately purchased a double-decker bus in August.



Last year, the creators of "The Mo-Pho" fell in love with Hartford when they did a photo shoot in Bushnell Park with Teresa Joseph dressed like Sasquatch. **CHRIS RANDALL/ COURTESY**

The double-decker bus is 30 feet long, 8 feet wide and, with the hard top, stands 14 feet, 6 inches. It's a three-season bus that sat 78 when it had seats, so she's estimating that's what it will be able to handle as a venue.

The vehicle previously belonged to Liverpool Football Club, "a hop-on, hop-off" bus used to transport people to games, Joseph said.

It was sent from Liverpool via cargo ship and, once on land, driven by a car dealer they used in the United States.

The couple had it painted turquoise before it was shipped and are now renovating the inside. They took out the red bus seats from both levels and are redoing the flooring. A contractor will add seating, lighting and audio on the bottom floor. The top floor will remain totally open for dancing, meditation or whatever the customer wants it to be.

"It's going to be simple," she said. "It's open for versatility."

Part of the business will involve facilitating photo shoot parties with a real photographer and limitless themes. For instance, Joseph said there could be a Garden of Eden theme. Customers can create their own scenarios, or the artsy Joseph can do it for them.

"It's about facilitating ridiculous things," Joseph said.

The couple hopes to have a soft opening by the end of summer.

"Everything takes longer than you think and more money than you think," Randall said.

Randall said there's a lot of "excitement" in the community around The Mo-Pho, conspicuously parked at the couple's home in New Haven's Fair Haven Heights neighborhood. The build-up, its arrival and the remodeling have been well-documented on social media.

"Every time Teresa and I go out somewhere everyone asks about The Mo-Pho," he said.

"They don't even ask about our kids anymore," she added.

Joseph said she's excited to bring a new experience to the community.

"Everybody's interested from all walks of life. It's all indicative of how fertile the opportunity is for connection," she said. "It's going to build community. The possibilities are limitless."

Randall said he can't wait to get on the road.

"It's a part of us. It's an extension of what we bring to the world," he said. "This whole idea was Teresa's, I'm just along for the ride."

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defendants, alleges the school board violated "policy, law and due process" when it voted to end the use of the mascots.

A Superior Court judge in Hartford on Tuesday did not issue a temporary injunction but instead scheduled a virtual hearing on the matter for July 7.

The judge's order did not contain any language preventing the school board from moving forward.

After a half-hour executive session on Tuesday evening, the school board proceeded with its votes on the mascots, with Chairperson Dr. Lorna Thomas-Farquharson saying that the suit was "unlikely to succeed."

"I am aware of no court order or any other legal reason prohibiting us from proceeding to a vote," Thomas-Farquharson said.

Zweig and McGowan on Thursday filed another motion for a temporary injunction — without the involvement of the school board or other defendants — seeking to keep "the status quo" until the July 7 hearing, claiming that the school board "cannot be trusted to act in the face of the Court's order."

In addition, the final day of school in West Hartford is June 17, Zweig and McGowan noted, three weeks before the July 7 hearing.

"If the Respondents are permitted to begin repainting the gymnasium floors and football field end zones and replace signage and other paraphernalia at either school, the Petitioners (and the public) will suffer irreparable harm," the motion says.

Zweig and McGowan also argue in their motion that it would be "impractical and costly to revert" to the Chieftains and Warriors if they were successful in their efforts to enjoin the mascot change.

The school board and district administrators, through their attorney James Healy of Cowdery & Murphy, filed a response to the most recent motion, calling the latest effort to keep the school district and its administrators from performing their duties "astonishing and extraordinary."

"This case does not present anything that approaches the emergent matters that would warrant even considering ex parte injunctive relief, certainly against a municipal actor," the response says.

The defendants also called into question Healy and McGowan's standing to even file a lawsuit, as well as seeking judicial relief in a matter that is purely within the purview of the school board.

"Although the plaintiffs may disagree with that decision, their remedy is not at the courthouse, and certainly not in the form of ex parte injunctive relief," the response says.

The response also said that a motion to dismiss Zweig and McGowan's initial lawsuit would be filed before the July 7 hearing.

West Hartford Corporation Counsel Dallas Dodge weighed in with a statement.

"Attorney Zweig's suggestion that the Board of Education acted in defiance of a court order is completely untrue," Dodge said. " The Board made its decision to discontinue the use of the Chieftain and Warrior mascots in February, yet Attorney Zweig chose to wait four months to file an 11th-hour lawsuit — a lawsuit that he served on the Board just seven hours before new names were to be approved. The Board has filed a response to Attorney Zweig's application for an ex parte temporary injunction and will continue to object to the issuance of such relief in the strongest terms."

In an interview, Dodge said the lawsuit "is disrespectful to the students, the teachers, the coaches, the parents who actively participated in the process to come up with new names."

Dodge noted that Zweig was a member of the committee at Hall High School charged with coming up with a new mascot, yet waited until the day before the school board was to vote on the new mascots before filing a lawsuit.

Furthermore, Dodge said it was hypocritical for Zweig to say the cost of changing back the mascots would be prohibitive, but then have the school district pay attorneys to defend against his lawsuit.

Dodge said he expects the court to issue a ruling on the most recent matter, either for or against the temporary injunction, or even calling the parties together for a hearing.

"It's an extraordinary remedy," Dodge said of the request for an ex parte injunction.

The latest legal salvo is part of what has often been a contentious process that a number of school districts have engaged in concerning high school mascots and logos with Native American names and/or images.

In addition to West Hartford, Farmington, Watertown, Glastonbury, Newington and Manchester have in recent years jettisoned mascots deemed insensitive to Native Americans.

In those communities and West Hartford, residents' opinions split over whether social justice demands ending the use of names that originated decades ago in a less culturally sensitive era, or whether long-established history, community pride and alumni unity would be undermined by doing away with them.

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No alcohol allowed at some recreation areas

DEEP has reimposed temporary ban through Sept. 5 for 7 locations

Staff report

The state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection said Thursday it has reimposed temporary alcohol bans for seven state recreation areas.

The bans are in effect immediately and until Sept. 5, the agency said.

The bans are imposed at the these locations:

- Gardner Lake State Park and State Boat Launch, Salem
- Paugussett State Forest (upper section)/George Waldo State Park, Southbury
- Wadsworth Falls State Park, Middletown/Middlefield
- Lake Waramaug State Park, New Preston
- Quaddick State Park, Thompson
- Beach Pond State Boat Launch, Voluntown, including a portion of Pachaug State Forest
- Billings Lake State Boat Launch, North Stonington, including a portion of Pachaug State Forest

"In recent summers, these locations have experienced increased crowds and alcohol consumption, which led to increased incidents of misconduct, unruly behavior, property damage, trespass, and complaints by other visitors and the surrounding communities," the agency said in a statement,

The agency said the temporary alcohol ban "provides DEEP's law enforcement officers with an enforceable tool to dissuade inappropriate use of the state outdoor recreation areas and has been an effective tool employed to reduce negative behaviors and make state parks, forests, and boat launches safe and enjoyable for all."

"Connecticut's state parks, forests and boat launches should be peaceful and family-oriented places where visitors can feel welcome and safe while recreating outdoors," said Mason Trumble, DEEP deputy commissioner for environmental conservation, said in the statement

"This measure, combined with continued supervision and education by DEEP staff and law enforcement officers, will help ensure a safe and enjoyable visit by citizens of all ages."

Community fund touted as a 'step in the right direction'

State leaders gather in Hartford to promote plan to make $875 million available to needy towns

By Mark Pazniokas
CT Mirror

To promote a Community Investment Fund that could make $875 million available to distressed communities over five years, the office of Gov. Ned Lamont chose a sunny lawn outside a library branch in a Black neighborhood represented by House Speaker Matt Ritter and Sen. Doug McCrory of Hartford.

Ritter is one of the program's architects, fashioning what he saw as a marriage of good policy and good politics — providing a stable funding source for needy legislative districts and easing a source of friction between lawmakers and the governor approaching an election.

McCrory is one of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus members who had been chafing against the "debt diet" Lamont proudly announced in February 2019, his second month in office. An initial 39% cut in borrowing that Lamont, a Greenwich businessman, saw as healthy for the fiscal waistline was seen by urban Democrats as starvation rations.

"This debt diet didn't sit well in communities that were underserved to begin with," said Rep. Geraldo Reyes Jr., D-Waterbury, the chair of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus. "So basically, you're saying, 'No one's going to eat.' "

Reyes was one of the lawmakers to greet the governor this week as he alighted from a black SUV wearing aviator sunglasses but no jacket or tie. A branch library on Albany Avenue in Hartford was providing the backdrop, but Waterbury is among the eligible beneficiaries.

"This right here is a major step in the right direction," Reyes said after the event, describing the fund's impact on distressed communities and his caucus' relationship with Lamont. "This was a major step in restoring and improving the relationship with the BPRC [Black and Puerto Rican Caucus] members."

McCrory, who used to teach school in the neighborhood, offered a made-for-a-political ad compliment about Lamont's role in making the Community Investment Fund a reality.

"This is an investment by the state of Connecticut under the leadership of Gov. Ned Lamont," McCrory said. "I've been in the legislature for 17 years, and at no time have we ever committed to make this kind of investment in communities that have been underserved for years."

The General Assembly shapes the borrowing priorities of Connecticut with the passage of a bond package, a list of projects and programs with a specific dollar amount of authorized borrowing.

But by setting the agenda of the Bond Commission, which must bless the actual borrowing before the treasurer goes to the bond markets, governors in Connecticut have sole control of the degree to which the legislature's bond package is a wish list or a source of money.

And that is a longstanding source of tension between lawmakers and governors, well beyond the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus. Lawmakers can succeed in getting a local project in the bond package, only to see a governor refuse to place the item on the agenda of the Bond Commission.

The Community Investment Fund will be administered by a 21-member board run by lawmakers. Ritter and Senate President Pro Tem Martin M. Looney, D-New Haven, are the co-chairs. McCrory is one of two members representing the BPRC, one from the Senate and House.

The funding still has to get through the Bond Commission, but the commission cannot stall a project by inaction. Lamont said he was more than comfortable with sharing some of the spending responsibilities.

"I'm willing to put money to work as long as it's real," Lamont said. "And if it's focused in and around opportunity and economic development, and as part of a strategy, sign me up. And I think that's what this program is."

With the start of the fiscal year on July 1, the first of five $175 million pools of funds will become available. Eligible municipalities and nonprofits in those communities can apply for grants for capital projects, not personnel or programmatic expenses.

Fifty-four of Connecticut's 169 cities and towns are eligible, according to the DECD. They include the biggest cities that are Democratic strongholds, as well as small eastern Connecticut communities represented by Republicans.

The 21-member board, which is staffed by the Department of Economic and Community Development and is composed of 10 lawmakers and 11 representatives of the administration and other constitutional officers, expects to make two rounds of awards every fiscal year.

"We are already off to the races. The application's already available," said Alexandra Daum, the deputy commissioner and chief investment officer of DECD.

The first round of applications closes on July 25, with a second round scheduled in January. Matt Pugliese, the director of the fund, said more than 500 people participated in two webinars explaining the program.

Ritter said there was skepticism among those who negotiated the terms of the new fund about the willingness of the "debt diet" governor and his administration to embrace the additional spending and the degree to which decision-making would be shared.

"They have far exceeded my expectations," Ritter said, noting the staffing assigned to the program. "I think even a lot of members who were in that room, mostly BPRC members who were negotiating this, one of the concerns was, 'Yeah, we'll see if it actually comes to fruition now.' "

Ritter said the program will allow municipalities to make long-range planning for projects that could be transformative.

"Maybe it's on their Main Street, maybe it's in brownfields," Ritter said. "But to do that, you need a constant stream of funding and the ability to plan five, 10 years out. And it's hard to do that when maybe the governor likes you, maybe he doesn't; maybe you have a legislator who's powerful, maybe you don't."

Some of the skepticism remains.

"People are going to be a little bit concerned that what they're seeing now is good. But why are we talking about it now?" said Sen. Gary Winfield, D-New Haven, a Black and Puerto Rican Caucus member not in attendance. "Why weren't we talking about it two years ago? And what are we going to be talking about next year?"

How people feel about those questions carry weight in an election year in which an incumbent Democrat will need a decent urban turnout. Lamont won by 44,000 votes and 3 percentage points over Republican Bob Stefanowski, his opponent again this year.

Stefanowski carried a majority of the communities but lost by huge margins in New Haven, Bridgeport, Hartford and Stamford.

Reyes said the Community Investment Fund could be crucial to Waterbury, whose proud past as a brass manufacturing center has produced a problematic present. The city is dotted with old sites that need environmental remediation. Per-capita income is $25,000, and one in five of its 114,000 residents lives in poverty.

Lamont carried Waterbury in 2018 with 54% of the vote. But Stefanowski and Republicans are making a push to close that margin, opening a headquarters in the city. They also are planning one in Bridgeport.



Gov. Ned Lamont, from left, Rep. Geraldo Reyes Jr., chair of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus, and House Speaker Matt Ritter gather at a branch library on Albany Avenue in Hartford. **MARK PAZNIOKAS/CT MIRROR**

"This debt diet didn't sit well in communities that were underserved to begin with. So basically, you're saying, 'No one's going to eat.' "

— Rep. Geraldo Reyes Jr., D-Waterbury, chair of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus

Suits vs. Infowars' Jones to continue

Bankruptcy case tossed in deal with Sandy Hook parents

Associated Press

VICTORIA, Texas — A federal judge in Texas on Friday dismissed the bankruptcy protection case of Infowars and two other companies controlled by Alex Jones, the result of an agreement between lawyers for the conspiracy theorist and parents of some of the children slain in the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Christopher Lopez approved the deal after a brief court hearing. The judge's action allows the parents' defamation lawsuits against Jones to continue in Texas and Connecticut, where trials are pending on how much he should pay families after judges in both states found Jones and his companies liable for damages.



Jones

The families' lawsuits say they have been subjected to harassment and death threats from Jones' followers because of the hoax conspiracy. Jones, based in Austin, Texas, has since said he believes the shooting did occur.

Relatives of eight of the 20 first graders and six educators killed in the massacre and an FBI agent who responded to the school in Newtown, Connecticut, are suing Jones and Free Speech Systems.

Infowars, Prison Planet TV and IW Health consented to dismissing the bankruptcy case last week after the families agreed to drop the three companies from their defamation lawsuits. Those lawsuits will continue against Jones himself and his largest moneymaking company, Free Speech Systems.

The families and the U.S. trustee's office had questioned the legitimacy of the three companies' bankruptcy filing and sought to throw out the case, saying it was only a tactic to delay the lawsuits. Jones' lawyers denied the allegations.

Over 90K households sign up for child tax rebate in 1st week

By Keith M. Phaneuf
CT Mirror

More than 90,000 Connecticut households filed for the state's new child tax rebate in the program's first week, according to Rep. Sean Scanlon, the Guilford Democrat who spearheaded the program in the legislature.



Scanlon

The applications from 90,320 households would benefit 144,313 children from low- and moderate-income families, said Scanlon, who also announced a new coalition of nonprofit service providers that will help households navigate the application process, which remains open through July 31.

"I think it's a great start," said Scanlon , who has been traveling the state to promote the program. "It shows the incredible need for this."

State officials estimate roughly 350,000 Connecticut households are eligible to receive the $250-per-child rebate, which the Department of Revenue Services is expected to send out in August. The maximum payment is $750 per household.

Scanlon said it would be a "huge victory" if two-thirds of those 350,000 households receive the rebate.

It is available to single parents who earned less than $100,000 in 2021 and to two-parent families that earned less than $200,000.

Families must file with the state Department of Revenue Services between June 1 and July 31 to receive a payment. It can be claimed on behalf of children born on or before Dec. 31, 2021.

Tax reform advocates had argued for a recurring credit of as much as $600 per child — up to a maximum of $1,800 per household — against the state income tax to help counter inflation and other pressures against poor and middle-income households.

The full legislature and Gov. Ned Lamont settled this spring on a one-time child tax rebate of $250 per child — up to a maximum of $750 per household. But Lamont also said he would prioritize converting the rebate into an ongoing credit during the regular 2023 General Assembly session, if state finances remain strong at that point.

Republicans have said that Lamont and his fellow Democrats in the legislature's majority are using the rebates as a political stunt to boost their campaigns this fall. Lamont is seeking a second term as governor, and Scanlon is running for state comptroller.

But Democrats counter that the rebates are providing needed relief when families are struggling with high gasoline prices and surging inflation.

Both Scanlon and Lisa Tepper Bates, president and CEO of the United Way of Connecticut, said they hope to maximize participation in the rebate program to intensify grassroots support to make the tax break an ongoing benefit.

Families that already have applied for the credit have indicated the funds are helping them cover rising grocery bills, catch up on rent or pay for child care.

"That [$750] can be very, very powerful," said Bates, whose organization lobbied for a permanent child tax credit. "Child care is the single most expensive part of a family budget."

The United Way has been drawing attention in recent years to Connecticut's high cost of living and extreme income inequality by offering a new methodology for assessing poverty.

The organization's ALICE system — an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed households — evaluates key expenses tied to health and child care, transportation, utilities and other costs that aren't major factors in other systems.

For example, the Federal Poverty Level, a metric dating back to the 1960s that focuses chiefly on a household's pre-tax earnings and the adjusted cost of a minimum food diet, estimates a family of four needs to earn more than $27,750 per year to avoid poverty.

The ALICE methodology says that a family of four in Connecticut needs more than $90,000 per year to cover a basic "survival" budget.

The Connecticut chapter of United Way and its 2-1-1 infoline service are working with 11 other nonprofit human service agencies and policy groups to answer questions and provide other free assistance to families that lack computer access or otherwise need help applying for the tax rebate.

Other groups in the coalition include the Connecticut Association for Community Action; the Connecticut Association for Human Services; Connecticut Legal Services; Connecticut Voices for Children; the Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund; Greater Hartford Legal Aid; HRA of New Britain; the New Haven Legal Assistance Association; Simplify CT; Unidad Latina en Accion; and The Village for Families & Children.

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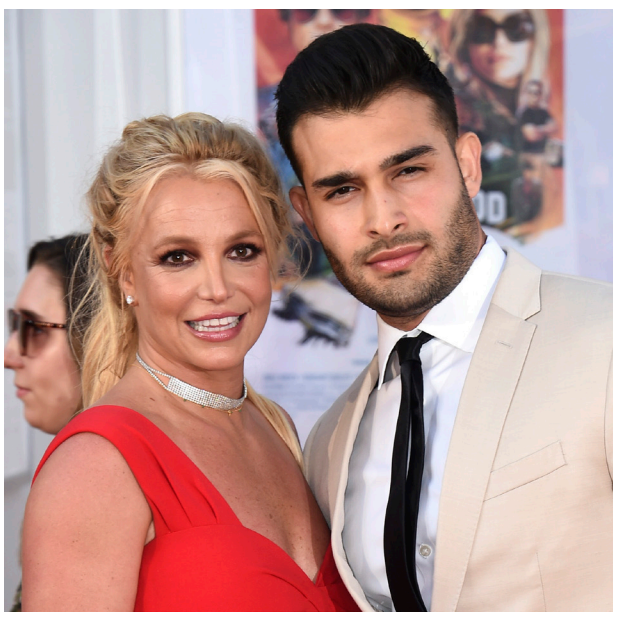
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Spears, Asghari marry in California

From news services



Britney Spears and Sam Asghari wed Thursday, nine months after their engagement. JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION 2019

Britney Spears has married her longtime partner Sam Asghari at a Southern California ceremony that came months after the pop superstar won her freedom from a court conservatorship.

Asghari's representative Brandon Cohen confirmed the couple's nuptials on Thursday. He said: "I am very ecstatic this day has come, and they are married. I know he wanted this for so long. He is so caring and supportive every step of the way."

The wedding happened nine months after the pair were engaged and nearly seven months after Spears' conservatorship ended. While seeking an end to the court case that controlled many aspects of her life, Spears expressed her desire to marry Asghari and have children. Spears got pregnant earlier this year, but experienced a miscarriage in March.

The couple met on a music video set in 2016.

The wedding day was not without drama — Spears' first husband was arrested after attempting to crash the wedding.

Ventura County Sheriff's Capt. Cameron Henderson said officers responded to a trespassing call after 2 p.m. Thursday. He says Jason Alexander was detained at the site of the ceremony. Alexander was married to Spears for 55 hours in 2004. Henderson says Alexander was arrested after officers noticed he had a warrant for his arrest in another county.

Spears was also previously married to Kevin Federline, and they share two sons, ages 14 and 15.

Wilson has fallen for a 'Disney Princess': Rebel Wilson has a girlfriend. Nay, she has her very own "Disney Princess."

"I thought I was searching for a Disney Prince ... but maybe what I really needed all this time was a Disney Princess," the 42-year-old wrote Thursday in an Instagram post, following the comment with hearts and a rainbow emoji and the hashtag #loveislove.

Melanie Griffith, Ariana DeBose and "Pitch Perfect" co-star Anna Kendrick were among the celebrities leaving positive comments and congratulations.

The woman in the picture with the actor is Ramona Agruma, a clothing and jewelry designer, according to TMZ. The outlet also said the two have been seen together repeatedly since the Super Bowl in February. In May, Wilson talked with People magazine about a new, "really healthy" relationship she was in, saying the two were set up by a friend.

Miller accused of grooming: The parents of an 18-year-old woman have sought out an order of protection against Ezra Miller, accusing the "Flash" star of grooming and manipulating their daughter since she was 12 years old. A hearing has been set for next month.

Attorney and activist Chase Iron Eyes and his wife, pediatrician Sara Jumping Eagle, in court documents obtained by TMZ, said Miller has been controlling their daughter, Tokata Iron Eyes. The pair initially connected in 2016, when the actor, 23 at the time, visited Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota.

Miller took an "immediate liking" to the girl and started plying her with alcohol and drugs like marijuana, showing a clear "pattern of corrupting a minor," her parents alleged in documents filed on Tuesday in Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Court.

Her parents believe the pair are in Hawaii, where the actor has been arrested on multiple occasions.

June 11 birthdays: Singer Joey Dee is 82. Actor Roscoe Orman is 78. Actor Adrienne Barbeau is 77. Drummer Frank Beard is 73. Singer Graham Russell is 72. Singer Donnie Van Zant is 70. Actor Peter Bergman is 69. Actor Hugh Laurie is 63. Actor Peter Dinklage is 53. Actor Joshua Jackson is 44.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Aging mother ponders her estate planning

Dear Amy: I have two daughters and a son. All are adults. I am divorced from their father and am still single after 17 years since the divorce.

My girls both remain in my life — the youngest especially. "Chloe" is always there for me.

"Nancy," the eldest, is like a cat toward me — she only makes time and effort for me if it's on her terms and she is in the right mood, which is not very often.

My son, "Bradley" however, avoids me. He never answers his phone if I call. He doesn't respond to contact from myself, his father or his older sister.

Now that I'm over 60 and have battled cancer, I'm feeling my mortality and starting to think about things like getting a will done.

There won't be much money left, but there will be a few thousand dollars in a 401K account and some life insurance money.

My dilemma is: Should I leave Bradley completely out of the will? It seems the sad, sobering thing to do, but it would be based on how he has treated me.

Since Nancy is lukewarm toward me, should I leave her one-third, and then two-thirds goes to Chloe? I suspect that if I do an even three-way split, the girls, especially Chloe, will feel resentful that their "deadbeat brother" got anything at all.

What do you think?

— *Conflicted*

Dear Conflicted: The daughter closest to you, "Chloe," has already reaped the rewards of her behavior: She has a nice, positive and active relationship with her mother. Your son "Bradley" has through his own choices been denied that.

Estate planning can be a complicated business, because it inspires some people to essentially reward or punish after death, when neither you nor they can do anything further. Worrying about what others may think after you've died should be a non-starter.

There is no "right" answer to this question, but in my opinion, you should leave an equal amount to all three children who came into the world loved equally by you.

In addition to any funds, you can leave special material items to your favored daughter — or give them to her while you're still around to enjoy the relationship. You could also notify her ahead of time of your intentions and your reasoning.

Talk things through, but no matter what — you should make the choice that feels best, kindest and most ethical to you.

Dear Amy: My long-term friend decided to ghost me after his wife went in for a "routine heart procedure" and tragically never woke up. He was devastated.

I know he has alcohol and drug problems.

The last thing he told me was that he was chasing a widow in town who "has a lot of money" and that he was done with me.

I asked, "So this is the end of our friendship?" He never responded.

Many years ago, he sent me a piece of artwork he made out of wood. There are many hours of work that went into this.

I don't want it in my house anymore. I thought about donating it to Goodwill here, but I doubt if they'd want it.

I thought to simply mail it back to him with no explanation, but is that cruel?

I thought to just burn it in my fireplace, but that seems hateful.

I am not actually angry with him, but I don't want this piece, and I never really liked this odd thing very much.

Do you want it?

— *Wood Burned*

Dear Burned: You could try reaching out to this man — one more time — to see if he would like this piece returned to him. Keep your tone very neutral and tell him you are "downsizing."

Depending on his response, Goodwill would definitely want this item. I hope you choose to donate it. As someone who scours flea markets, secondhand stores and Goodwill for homemade treasures, this piece actually sounds totally up my alley.

Dear Amy: I snorted my coffee when I read your (excellent) response to "Happy Teetotaler," the young woman who felt pressured to drink when going out.

My favorite of your snappy excuses: "I need to stay sober so I won't slip in your vomit later."

— *Cleaning Up*

Dear Cleaning: I do enjoy supplying some snap.

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MUSIC REVIEW

Post Malone sincerely, almost heroically hates being famous

By Mikael Wood
Los Angeles Times



'Twelve Carat Toothache'
Post Malone
(Mercury/Republic)

Post Malone heard your little turns-out-fame-sucks album, and he was not impressed.

Oh, he sympathized, of course — nodded his prodigiously tattooed head in sorry recognition as you complained about creepy fans showing up outside your house and about fake friends and about how empty you feel after blowing somebody else's annual salary on a watch.

But having witnessed A-list peers such as Billie Eilish, Drake and Lorde lament the unexpected hardship of celebrity, Malone seems to have concluded that none were being honest about the role they played in their own misery.

Behold "Twelve Carat Toothache," perhaps the most self-loathing album by any conflicted pop idol since Kurt Cobain, whose hit Malone nods to right at the beginning: "You're the superstar/ Entertain us," he sings in opener "Reputation," a bleary piano ballad that goes on to enumerate the many ways he has failed to live up to his venerated position.

"I was born to (expletive) up," he declares at the track's climax, his voice a kind of trembling sheep's bleat, "I was born/ What a shame."

Malone's fourth studio LP — and his follow-up to the most consumed album of 2019, "Hollywood's Bleeding" — "Twelve Carat Toothache" presents a discomfiting portrait of the 26-year-old singer and rapper whose smoothie-like blend of hip-hop, rock, country and synth-pop have made him a titan of the streaming era.

His confessions aren't especially novel: He drinks too much; he lets his big mouth get him into fights; he cheats on his lovers and induces his friends' lovers to cheat on them with him. But the desperation with which he details his inability to healthily navigate being a famous person — the amazing lack of vanity in his language — sets him apart from pop's other rich-and-sad types.

In "Euthanasia," he inadvertently takes a sip from his ash can, then admits it didn't bother him too much. "Love/ Hate Letter to Alcohol," in which he emergency dials his dentist after getting punched by someone wearing a "big chrome ring," addresses booze like it's a person: "You're the reason why I got my ass kicked/ But you're the only way to drown my sadness."

In "Cooped Up," he not only pukes in a woman's pricey Birkin bag but also tells of an early morning visit from the cops that led him to flush something down the toilet. I don't mean he suggests that's what he did; I mean he actually uses the word "toilet." In a pop song. One meant to be played on the radio.

Given the cheerful-stoner vibe he deploys in the rare interviews he grants, you're tempted in moments like the toilet lyric to wonder whether Malone is inching toward a knowing self-parody. But then you get to a song like "Waiting for a Miracle," which layers his voice, so bathed in reverb that he sounds like he's staring down into an abyss, over sparse, funereal keyboard tones. "Oh my God/ Just take the firearm from me," he pleads, "Holy (expletive)/ I understand that I'm too weak." The effect is chilling.

Musically, "Twelve Carat Toothache" mashes together crunchy rock guitars, oozing synths and throbbing machine beats as he and his longtime producer Louis Bell have been doing for years; Malone's melodies are maybe a bit less sticky than on "Hollywood's Bleeding," though hooks still abound, as do snappy guest spots from Roddy Ricch, Gunna and the Weeknd.

The album's heavy gloom lifts a couple of times, most notably in "I Like You (A Happier Song)," where he and Doja Cat trade flirtations amid a beachy summer-vibes arrangement. "I could be your Chaka/ Where your Rufus at?" Doja asks — a very cute reference sure to be lost on both stars' Gen Z followings.

There's also "Wasting Angels," a tuneful sing-rap duet between Malone and one of his foremost inheritors, the Kid Laroi. Here the keyboards have a buoyant and optimistic quality; the chords are in a major key. Malone seems to be dispensing hard-won advice, casting his memory back to when he was "sane before the fame" to prepare 18-year-old Laroi for what's to come.

And yet: "I don't wanna know the truth," Laroi raps in response. He showed up on the wrong album.

HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Your relationship to money could go through a change today. Throwing your money around might feel tempting. Even though there's nothing wrong with having fun, remember that a bill is a bill. Make sure you have the funds to pay.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): The urge to change up your appearance could strike, turning today into a fantastic opportunity to try something new.Whether it's as minor as buying some new clothes or as major as a full makeover, do something to make you feel a bit more like yourself — even if it takes others a moment to adjust.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Life could feel like the most beatific kind of fantasy today, turning up the volume on your intuition so you can ferret out magical situations. Let your inner voice guide you, because it could easily lead you to something both fabulous and completely unexpected.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You could feel like the most popular person in the world today. Even if you start the day with no plans, that could change on a dime. Consider saying yes to invitations that come your way, because you won't know how an event will be until you're there. Don't miss out!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You can really make a name for yourself today, Leo — especially in a professional capacity, whether you have work to tend to or not. A chance to show everyone how capable you are, or perhaps a new job opportunity, could come out of the blue. This is likely to be right up your alley.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Pleasure and excitement are waiting for you out in the great wide yonder. Whatever you do today, make a point to engage with new concepts, people or experiences, even if it's just trying a different cuisine or going to an art museum. Something could ignite within you that begins a new way of living.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Today could offer you a sudden windfall when you least expect it. This realm of your chart can breed intensity, but under this fabulous energy, you likely have nothing but good times to look forward to. It's time to make it rain — without even having to work too hard for it.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A particular person could bring a fabulous experience your way. Whether you're dealing with a romantic partner or a friend, they've got something lovely in store for you. Accept this gift and see what plans people and the universe have in store for you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It's all about the little things today, rather than any major moments, helping you deal with parts of your life that need attention. While this is hardly exciting, what might look ho-hum at first could turn out to be anything but. Take this energy and run with it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You're the lucky recipient of some truly gorgeous energy today, Capricorn. You could find all eyes on you at the drop of a hat, so be sure to put your best foot forward as people will remember how well you perform. Don't feel shy, though! You're almost certain to enjoy this moment.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Enjoying yourself will likely be quite easy right now; you might not even have to leave your home to do so. It's a great time to do a bit of redecorating. If you're feeling social, think about inviting friends over. A last-minute event could become a night you'll remember for years!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): There's something exciting waiting for you out in the world, with exciting vibrations rippling through your neighborhood. Go out and greet others, because you could meet someone new who'll become a close friend or discover a fresh venue that quickly transforms into a favorite haunt.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On June 11, 1770, Captain James Cook, commander of the British ship Endeavour, "discovered" the Great Barrier Reef off Australia by running onto it.

In 1919, Sir Barton became horse racing's first Triple Crown winner.

In 1955, in motor racing's worst disaster, more than 80 people were killed during the 24 Hours of Le Mans in France when two cars collided and crashed into spectators.

In 1962, three prisoners at Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay staged an escape on a makeshift raft; they were never found or heard from again.

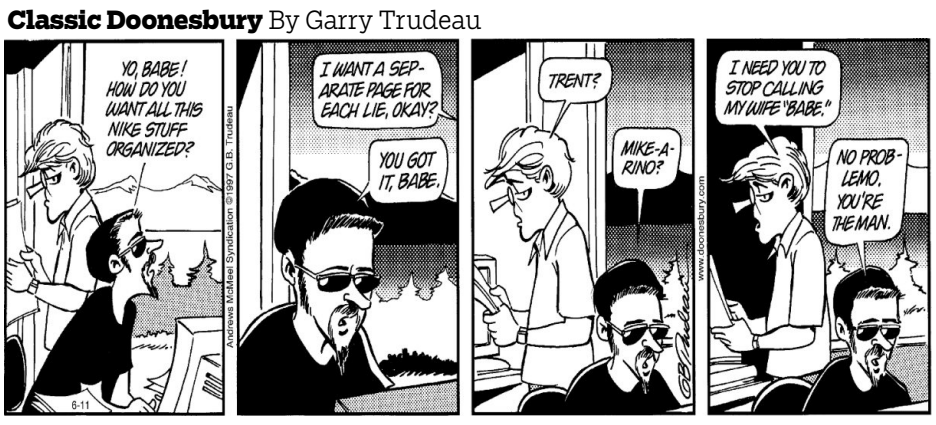
In 2009, with swine flu reported in more than 70 nations, the World Health Organization declared the first global flu pandemic in 41 years.

In 2020, Louisville, Kentucky, banned the use of "no-knock" warrants and named the new ordinance for Breonna Taylor.

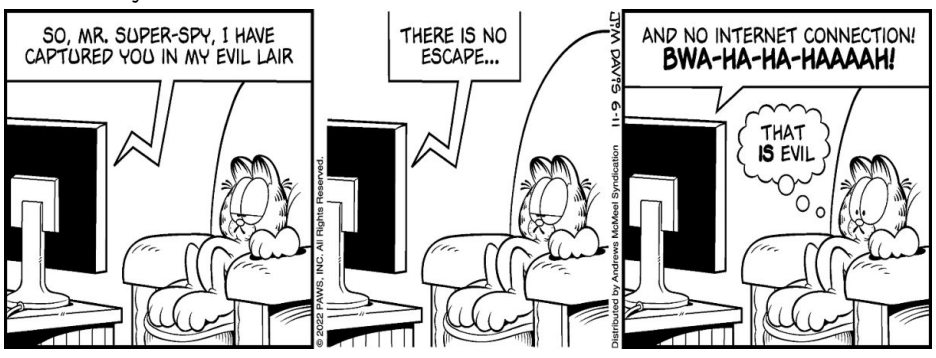
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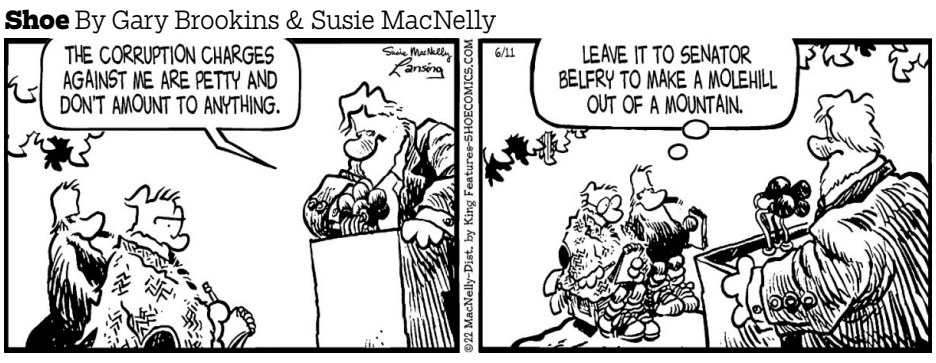
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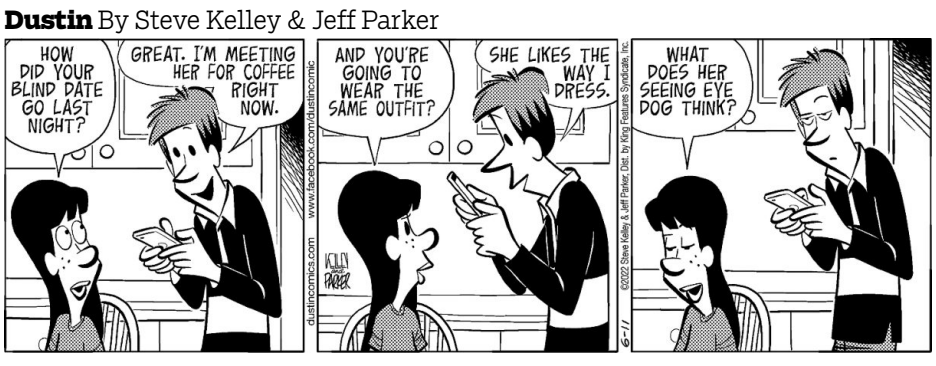
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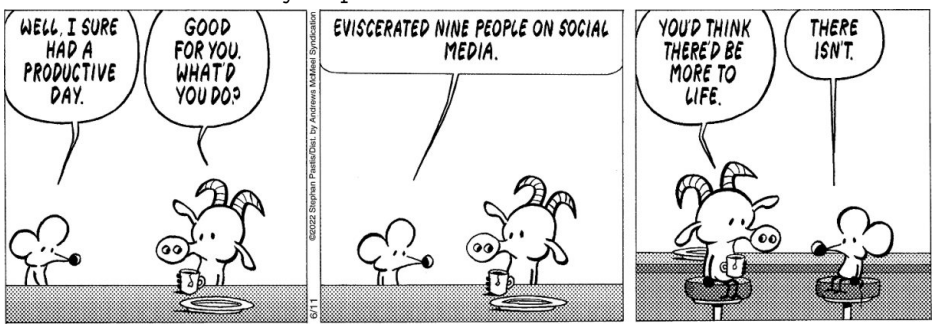
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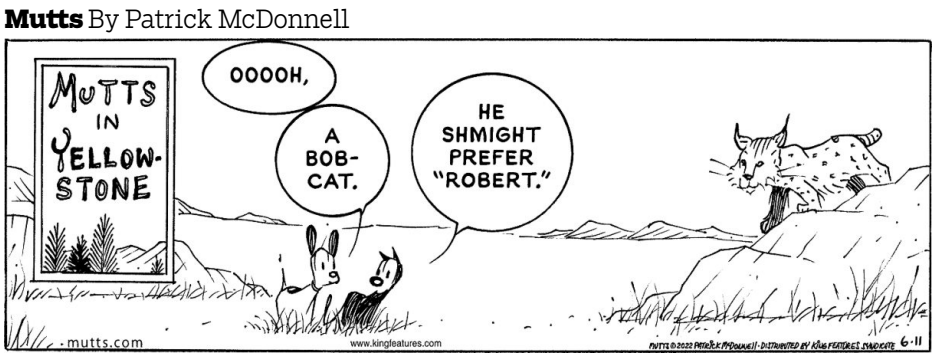
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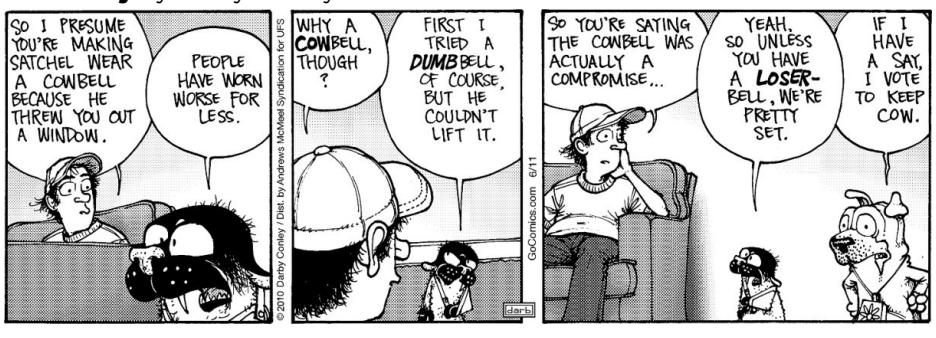
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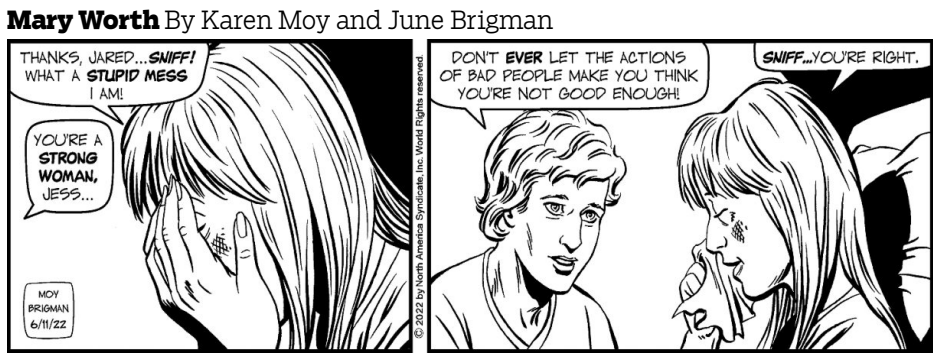
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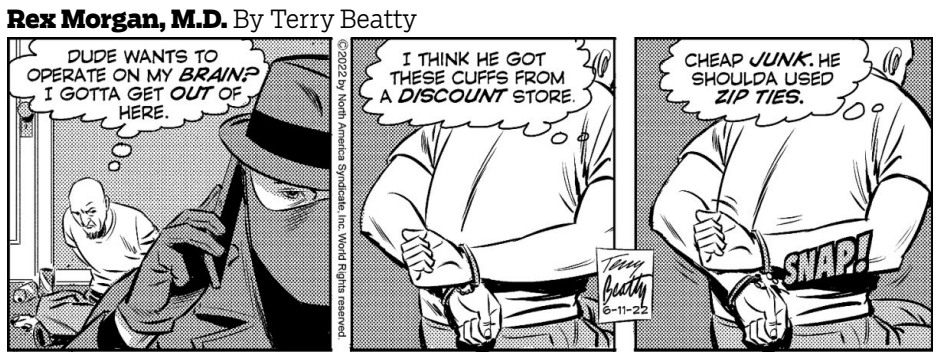
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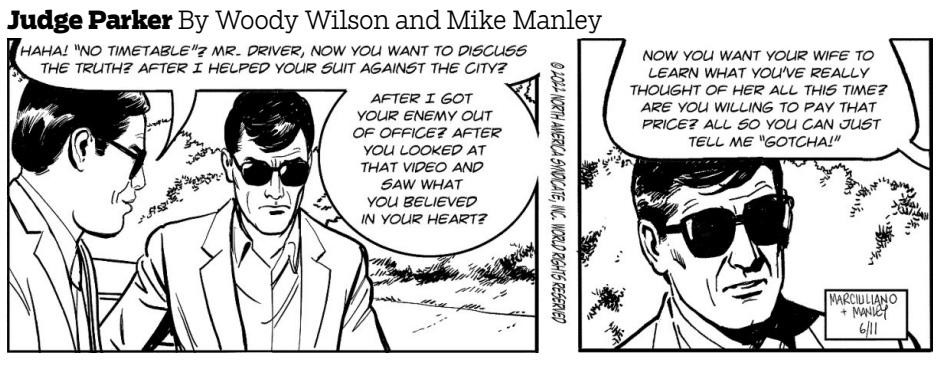
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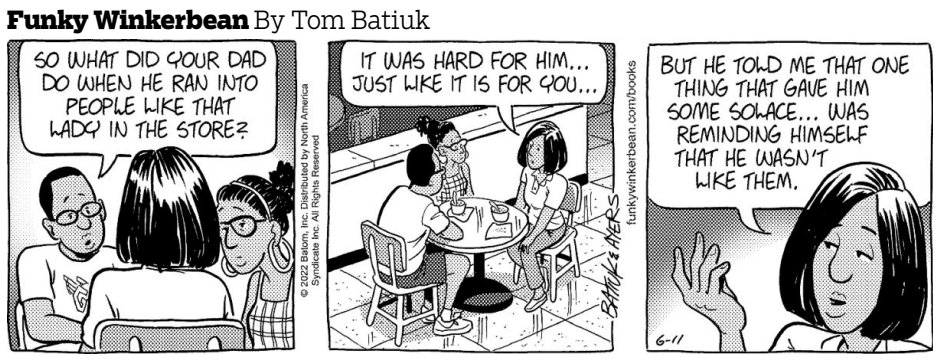
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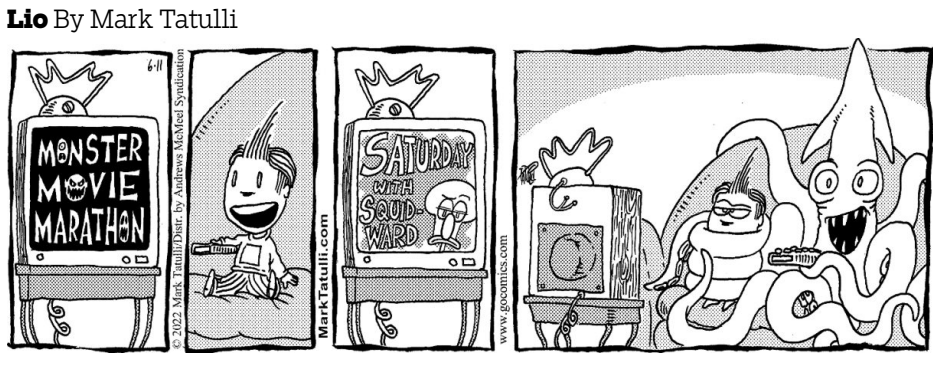
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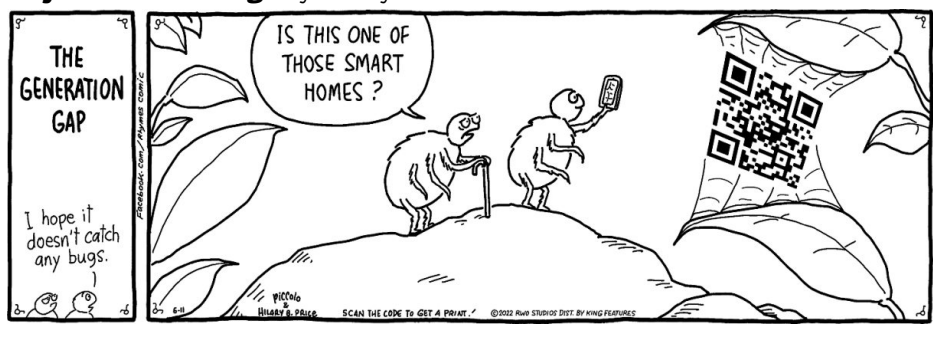
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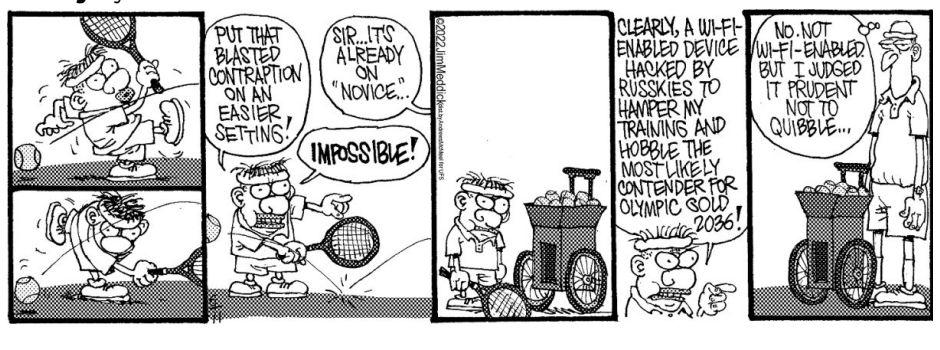
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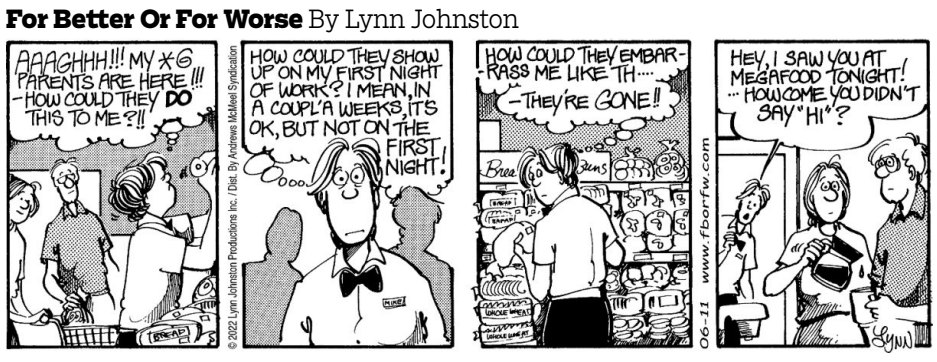
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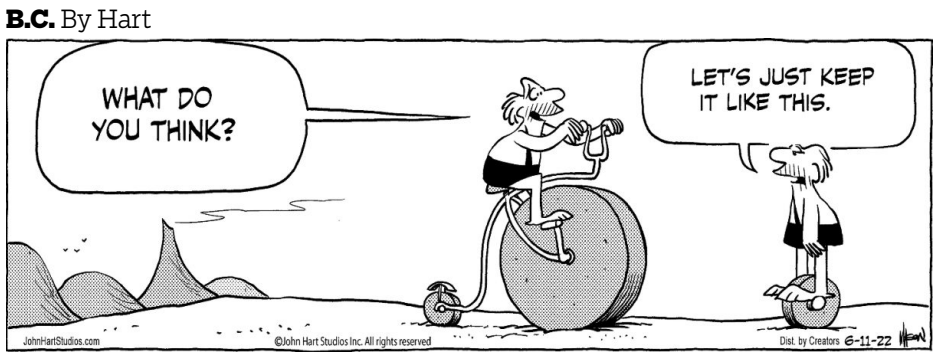
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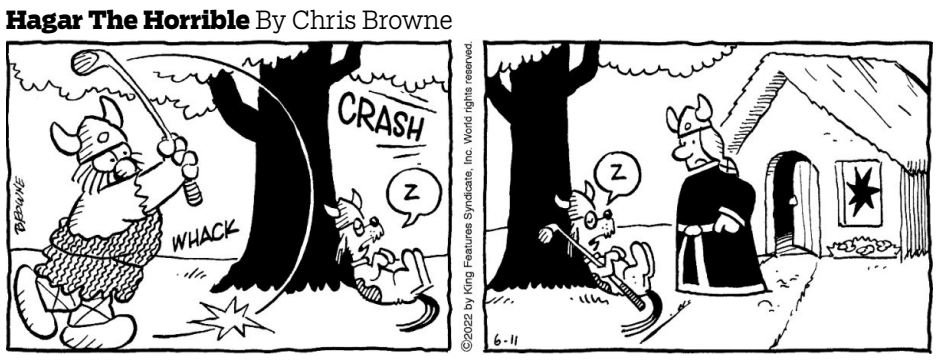
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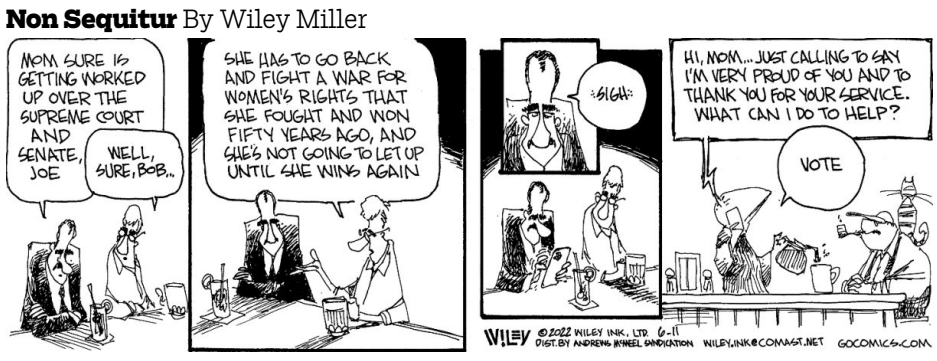
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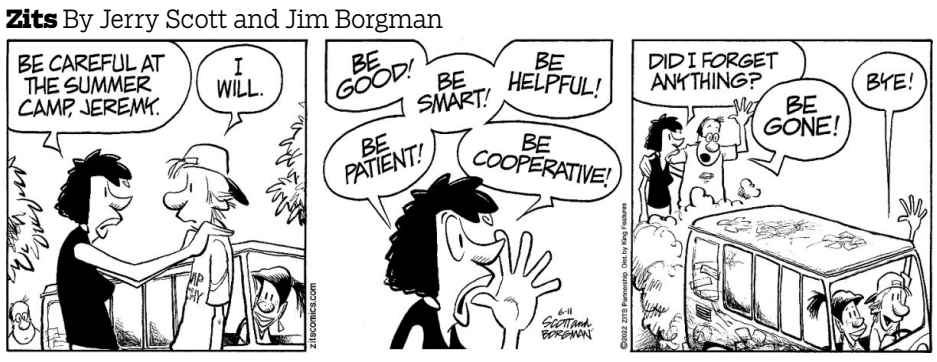
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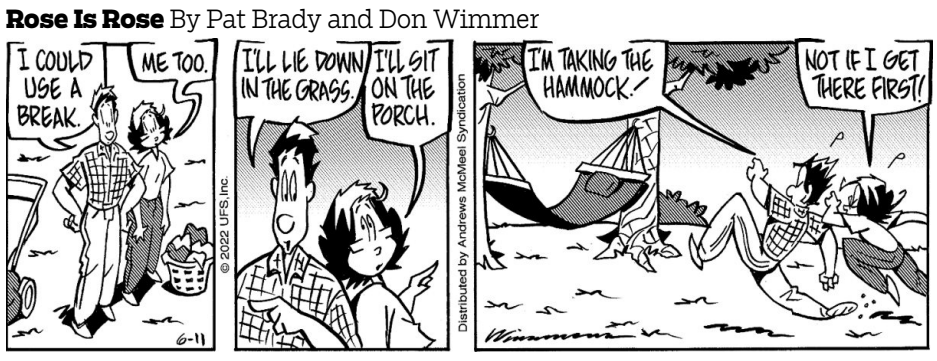
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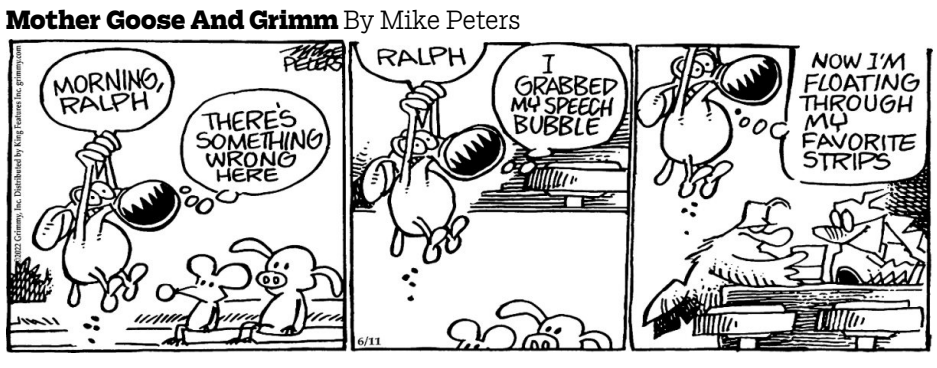
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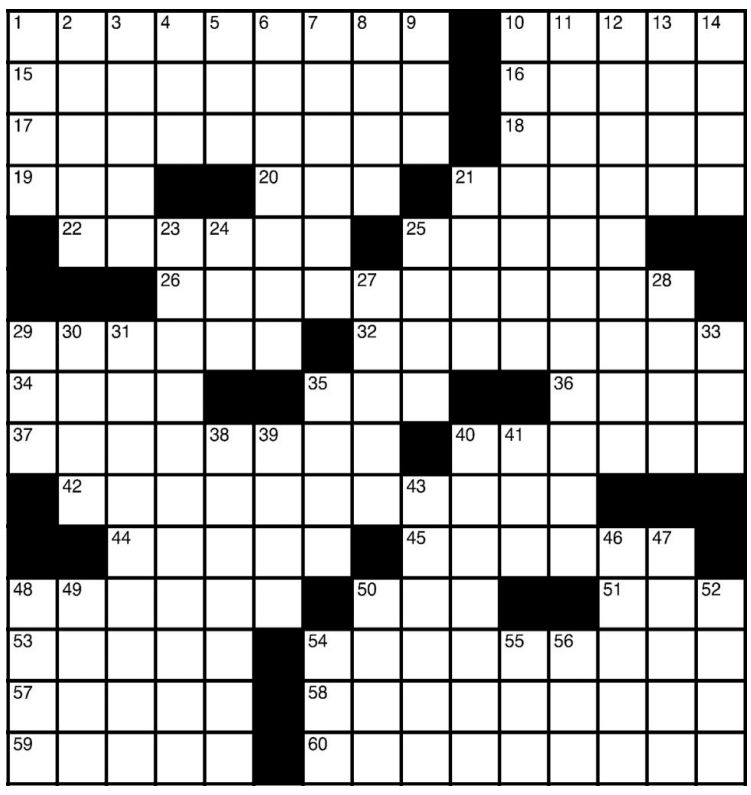
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Across

1 Netflix series starring Lee Jung-jae
10 "Where the Impossible Becomes Possible" park
15 MLB great who said, "Play so good they can't remember what color you were before the season started"
16 Poor showing
17 Fried side
18 Comfort-first footwear
19 Banned spray
20 Language similar to Thai
21 Server's need
22 How Mulan appears for much of "Mulan"
25 Bar food
26 Logic game with clickable cells
29 Laughable
32 "Spread the word"
34 Short notes?
35 App glitch
36 Costa __
37 Often turned down, in a way
40 Pointless tiles?
42 Lucky charm
44 Max on the drums
45 Most inexperienced
48 Charge
50 __ Vegas Aces
51 Purpose
53 Pupper
54 Colorado county with Mesa Verde National Park
57 Danish astronomer Tycho who lost part of his nose in a duel
58 Kudos
59 Quite full
60 "Perfection" gesture

Down

1 Pumped?
2 Chance for some grilling
3 Hand and foot
4 When doubled, classic New Orleans song
5 "This Is Us" creator Fogelman
6 Gale player
7 European rocket
8 Part of MSG
9 Lang. of Ghana
10 Boxes up
11 Thief who may set off a glitter bomb package
12 Gingerbread house?
13 Not now
14 Bechdel __
21 Regrets
23 Off-menu small bite
24 Orbiter until 2001
25 Party favors
27 Future chips
28 Paper loser
29 Swedish folk duo First __ Kit
30 Rude, crude dude
31 Make easier to swallow
33 "One Mic" rapper
35 Broderick of "Sabrina the Teenage Witch"
38 Mortified
39 Tahdig ingredient
40 Brag about
41 Bowie album with "Sound and Vision"
43 Literature Nobelist Anatole
46 Mecca native
47 __ table
48 LAPD alerts
49 Sox manager Alex
50 Drink of Scotland
52 Photon's lack
54 Bub
55 Literal edges
56 Drummer Starkey



By Debbie Ellerin — Tribune Content Agency 6/11/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A
♥ A K Q 2
♦ A J 10 5 3
♣ K 6 4

WEST
♠ Q 10 7 2
♥ J 10 9 8 5
♦ 8 7 4
♣ 3

EAST
♠ K 6 4 3
♥ 4
♦ K Q 9 2
♣ J 10 7 5

SOUTH
♠ J 9 8 5
♥ 7 6 3
♦ 6
♣ A Q 9 8 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♥*	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT			

*reverse, forcing one round.

A stitch in time saves nine

The greatest asset in bridge is the ability to avoid error. What makes the game difficult is that the opportunity for error is ever-present. Moreover, the pitfalls are not always obvious, frequently lurking in the background.

Consider this deal where South was in three notrump. He won the heart lead in dummy and, expecting to have no problem scoring at least 10 tricks, led a club to the ace and another one to the king. When West showed out, declarer was in trouble.

He crossed to his hand with a club and led a diamond to the ten, losing to East's queen. East returned a spade, and South could not come to more than the eight tricks he had started with.

South should have made the contract and, in fact, should have finished with an overtrick. He had failed to invoke a basic principle of declarer play — namely, that when a contract looks easy to make, declarer should ask himself what could possibly go wrong.

The application of this principle would have told South that the only way he could go down was if the opposing clubs broke badly. If they were divided 3-2, as they would be about two-thirds of the time, the contract was a certainty. But if they were divided 4-1, there was a real danger of defeat.

To cater to that possibility, South should cash dummy's king of clubs at trick two and then lead a club toward the closed hand. If East shows out, South allows West to win the trick, to assure himself of four club tricks and the contract.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

OPSLI

USMEA

DCLDUE

VIDLER



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: KNACK WINCE GRILLE THORAX
Answer: While interviewing Christopher from "Catch Me If You Can," the host was — "WALKEN" ON AIR

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TODAY'S SUDOKU

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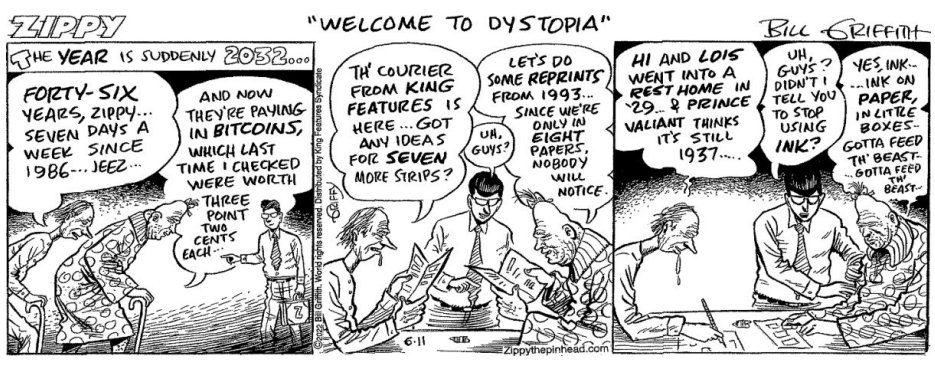
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit **www.sudoku.org.uk**

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

4	9	3	7	1	2	6	5	8
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5	1	6	4	8	9	2	3	7
3	6	9	1	4	8	7	2	5
8	4	2	6	5	7	1	9	3
1	7	5	2	9	3	8	6	4
6	8	7	5	3	1	9	4	2
9	3	1	8	2	4	5	7	6
2	5	4	9	7	6	3	8	1

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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WNBA

Anatomy of a surprise

UConn women's players surprised former Huskies star Evina Westbrook on weekend trip in New York. Here's how they pulled it off.

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

Dorka Juhász likens herself and her UConn women's basketball teammates to "FBI agents" after what they pulled off last weekend.

Their mission? To surprise former Husky Evina Westbrook, now playing professionally for the Minnesota Lynx, in New York before her game against the Liberty.

"It was kind of like a team thing that everybody was like, 'We should see Evina,' " Juhász said. "It's nice to see for us that she's doing so great. And obviously it's crazy how fast everything happened, you know, just a couple months and she's not even on the team anymore, she's a professional player. But it was a great weekend. I'm really happy we we were able to do that."

UConn players had been waiting for the chance to watch Westbrook play in person. They looked up the WNBA schedule before the regular season even started, back when the 6-foot guard was in training camp with the Seattle Storm, who drafted her 21st overall in this year's draft.

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UConn's Evina Westbrook and Nika Mühl smile in the second half of a game against Seton Hall on Jan. 21 in Storrs. **JESSICA HILL/AP**

SKY 83, SUN 79

Win streak snapped by Meesseman, Chicago

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

UNCASVILLE — The Connecticut Sun's win streak was snapped on Friday night by the same team that cut their 2021 season short.

In a back-and-forth affair that featured 15 lead changes and 10 ties, the Sun fell 83-79 to the Chicago Sky at Mohegan Sun Arena. Connecticut had won four straight games and was in position to notch another victory, but was outmatched down the stretch by the same team that eliminated them in last year's WNBA Semifinals.

The Sky outscored the Sun 24-17 in the fourth quarter.

Brionna Jones led Connecticut in scoring for the second straight game as she continues to make a strong case for WNBA Sixth Woman of the Year. She recorded 20 points and five rebounds. DeWanna Bonner had 18 points and three assists. Alyssa Thomas had 11

Here are three takeaways from the loss.

Emma Meesseman torches the Sun

The Sun simply couldn't contain Sky forward Emma Meesseman. She was a problem

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HIGH SCHOOL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Southington's Samantha Sullivan (24) hoists the MVP trophy after they defeated Bristol Central, 13-1, in the CIAC Class LL softball championship game Friday at DeLuca Field in Stratford. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

National treasure

Southington softball wins its 20th state title, defeating Bristol Central to set national record

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

STRATFORD — Southington softball coach Davina Hernandez likes to preach discipline to her hitters.

Southington wasn't doing much at the plate the first two innings of the Class LL championship game against Bristol Central. But in the third inning, in each at-bat, the Southington hitters were patient and disciplined at the plate.

And as a result, the second-seeded Blue Knights scored nine runs, batting around in the third, en route to their third straight state championship and 20th title overall for the program, 13-1, Friday night at DeLuca Field.

Southington's 20th state championship is a national record for high school softball, surpassing Salem (N.H.) and Iva Crescent (S.C.), who each had 19 state titles.

Last year, Southington (27-1) rallied in the bottom of the seventh inning to beat Fairfield Ludlowe, 4-3. This time, the game was over early and ended in the bottom of the sixth due to the mercy rule.

"We ended practice yesterday by showing the girls Rachel Dube, our JV coach's walk-off home run [in the 2014 championship game,

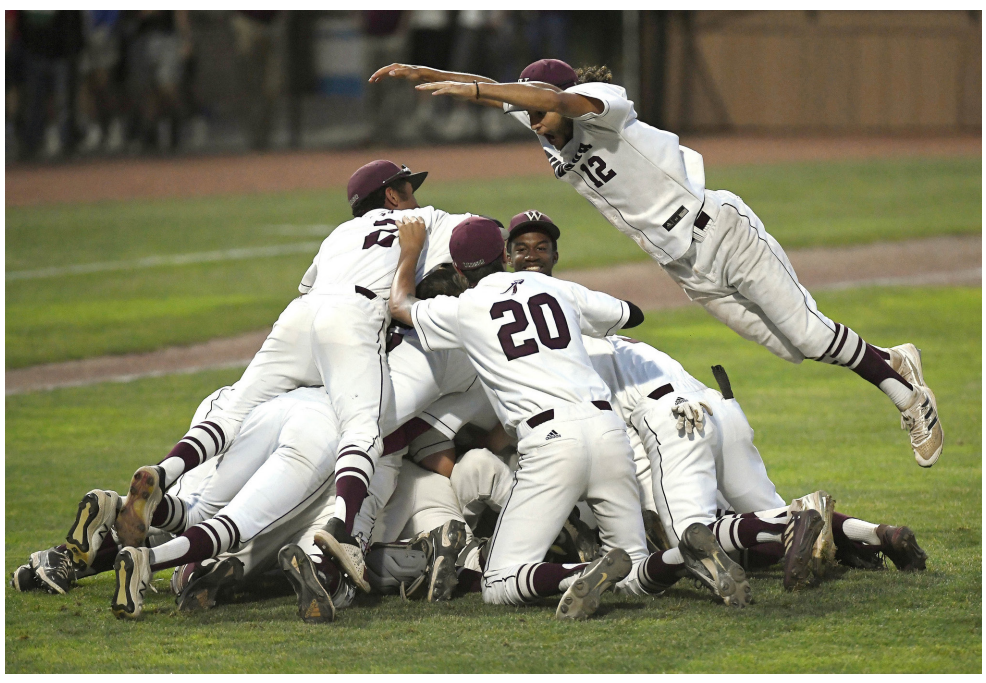
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Schedule at a glance

Saturday
Baseball at Palmer Field
Class L: Southington vs. Fairfield-Warde, noon
Class S: St. Paul vs. Somers, 3:30 p.m.
Class M: Barlow vs. Woodland, 7 p.m.

Softball at DeLuca Field
Class M: Woodland vs. Oxford, noon
Class S: Cromwell vs. North Branford, 3 p.m.
Class L: Masuk vs. Waterford, 7 p.m.

Girls lacrosse at Sacred Heart University
Class S: New Fairfield vs. Lauralton Hall, 10 a.m.
Class M: Guilford vs. St. Joseph, noon
Class L: Darien vs. New Canaan, 2 p.m.



Windsor celebrates defeating Maloney in the CIAC baseball state championship Class L game at Palmer Field in Middletown on Friday. **JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Windsor completes run with 3-1 win over Maloney for Class L baseball title

By Joe Arruda
Hartford Courant

MIDDLETOWN — After Windsor starting pitcher Nathan Acabchuk rolled No. 10 Maloney into a game-ending double play in Friday's Class L state championship, his teammates jumped around, threw their gloves into the air and convened in front of the mound where Acabchuk tackled catcher Jonathan Lattimer.

Breon Parker made his sprint in from center field to join his team, but not before making a pitstop at second base to console Maloney's Joseph Rodriguez.

Then Parker jumped on top of the pile as a state champion.

Some 1,862 fans filled the wooden bleachers surrounding the perimeter of Palmer Field — half in green and white, the others in maroon — to watch the top-seeded Warriors defeat Maloney, 3-1.

"All these guys, we love each other," Acabchuk said after pitching a complete game and allowing only one run and four hits. "We really do. And I think that's what helped us get here and eventually win it all."

It was Parker who laid down a fateful sacrifice bunt with runners on first and second in the bottom of the fifth inning. Maloney's throw to first landed deep in foul territory while Frank Kula and Ryan Cramer raced around to score. Parker, with major speed, had his eyes set on third base but was thrown out. Nonetheless, the Warriors trotted back into the field to a rousing applause from their expansive maroon sea of support.

"You're going 110% just like all of our guys do and, you know, you see it go past and the next thing is don't hesitate, just go. Just go," Parker said. "It's an unbelievable feeling."

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UCONN BASEBALL

East meets West

Penders, Huskies have chance to strike a blow for Northeast baseball at Stanford

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

STORRS — Coach Jim Penders has gotten hundreds of texts since his UConn baseball team defeated Maryland to win the NCAA regional last Monday, but one that stuck with him came from the most illustrious of former Huskies.

"George [Springer] texted me, and he told me they were in a rain delay and they had the game on in the [Blue Jays] clubhouse," Penders said. "And his bench coach said to him, 'they're gritty.' "

That's a label any coach would want to be affixed to his team, but there's a deeper meaning in this case. College baseball has long been ruled by blue-blood programs in the Southeast, Southwest and, in the case of UConn's super regional opponent, the West Coast. UConn begins its best-of-three series at Stanford on Saturday at 10:30 p.m. ET.

A season that begins in February tips the scales in favor of warm weather programs and forces schools like UConn to play most of its first half of the season on the road and hold many of their practices indoors.

"It's definitely a lot more gritty up here because we have to practice inside," said outfielder Erik Stock, who transferred to UConn from Old Dominion. "Sometimes we have to practice in January when it's 40 degrees."

UConn has been trying to make its way to Omaha for a decade, reaching the NCAA tournament eight times since 2010, the super regionals with Springer and four other future major leaguers on the roster in 2011 and now in 2022.

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Coach Jim Penders envisions the UConn baseball team going farther than any Northeast team in a decade. The Huskies are in the Super Regional, a best-of-three series at Stanford beginning tonight. **JOHN WOIKE/AP**

UCONN VS. STANFORD
Super regional

Best of 3 at Palo Alto, Calif.
Game 1: Saturday, 10:30 p.m., ESPNU
Game 2: Sunday, 7 p.m., ESPN2 or ESPNU
Game 3: Monday, TBA

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UP NEXT

Celtics: NBA Finals: at Warriors (Game 5), Monday, 9 p.m.; vs. Warriors (Game 6, if necessary), Thursday, 9 p.m.; at Warriors (Game 7, if necessary), June 19, 8 p.m.
Rangers: Eastern Conference Finals: at Lightning (Game 6), Saturday, 8 p.m.; vs. Lightning (Game 7, if necessary), Tuesday, 8 p.m.
Red Sox: at Mariners, Saturday, 10 p.m.; at Mariners, Sunday, 4 p.m.; Athletics, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: Cubs, Saturday, 7:15 p.m.; Cubs, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Rays, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Mets: at Angels, Saturday, 10 p.m.; at Angels, Sunday, 7 p.m.; Brewers, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Yard Goats: at Portland, Saturday, 6 p.m.; at Portland, Sunday, 1 p.m.; Akron, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Sun: Dream; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Storm, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Mystics, June 19, 2 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: at San Diego, Saturday, 10 p.m.; Memphis, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Atlanta United II, June 18, 7:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO

AUTO RACING
6:55 a.m.: Formula 1 Racing Azerbaijan Grand Prix, Practice 3. (Live) ESPNU
9:55 a.m.: Formula 1 Racing Azerbaijan Grand Prix, Qualifying. (Live) ESPN2
2 p.m.: World of Outlaws Late Models- Outlaw Invasion. (Live) CBSSN
2:30 p.m.: World of Outlaws Sprint Cars- Bristol Bash. (Live) CBSSN
7:30 p.m.: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series DoorDash 250. (Live) FS1
10 p.m.: NASCAR Cup Series Toyota / Save Mart 350, Qualifying. (Live) FS1
BASEBALL
11 a.m.: NCAA Tournament, Super Regional. (Live) ESPN
11:30 a.m.: NCAA Tournament, Super Regional. (Live) ESPNU
12 p.m.: NCAA Tournament, Super Regional. (Live) ESPN2
2 p.m.: NCAA Tournament, Super Regional. (Live) ESPN
2:30 p.m.: NCAA Tournament, Super Regional. (Live) ESPNU
3 p.m.: NCAA Tournament, Super Regional. (Live) ESPN2
4 p.m.: Athletics at Guardians. (Live) FS1
5:30 p.m.: NCAA Tournament, Super Regional. (Live) ESPNU
7 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) FOX
7:15: Cubs at Yankees. (Live), Radio: 97.9
9 p.m.: NCAA Tournament, Super Regional. (Live) ESPNU
10 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
10 p.m.: Red Sox at Mariners. (Live) NESN
10 p.m.: Mets at Angels. (Live), Radio: 880
BOXING
11 p.m.: Edgar Berlanga vs. Roamer Alexis Angulo - Main Card. (Live) ESPN
EQUESTRIAN
5 p.m.: 154th Belmont Stakes (Live) NBC
FOOTBALL
1 p.m.: USFL Football New Jersey Generals vs Michigan Panthers. (Live) NBC
6 p.m.: USFL Football Houston Gamblers vs Birmingham Stallions. (Live) USA
GOLF
7:30 a.m.: DP World Tour Golf Volvo Car Scandinavian Mixed, Third Round. (Live) GOLF
11 a.m.: Curtis Cup, Second Round. (Live) GOLF
1 p.m.: RBC Canadian Open, Third Round. (Live) GOLF
3 p.m.: RBC Canadian Open, Third Round. (Live) CBS
3 p.m.: ShopRite LPGA Classic, Second Round. (Live) GOLF
HOCKEY
8 p.m.: Rangers at Lightning. (Live) SPRTNET, ESPN
LACROSSE
6 p.m.: Premier Lacrosse League Atlas LC vs Cannons LC. (Live) ESPN2
MOTORCYCLE RACING
4 p.m.: AMA Motocross Series (Taped) NBC
OUTDOORS
10 a.m.: Fishing Sport Fishing Championship. (Live) CBSSN
RUGBY
9 a.m.: Premiership Rugby (Taped) CNBC
4 a.m.: NRL Rugby New Zealand Warriors vs Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks. (Live) FSP
SOCCER
12 p.m.: UEFA Nations League Soccer Ireland vs Scotland. (Live) FS1
12 p.m.: UEFA Nations League Soccer Faroe Islands vs Lithuania. (Live) FSP
2:30 p.m.: UEFA Nations League Soccer Hungary vs Germany. (Live) FSP
3 p.m.: MLS Soccer New York Red Bulls at Charlotte FC. (Live) ABC
7 p.m.: Canadian Premier League Soccer HFX Wanderers FC at Cavalry FC. (Same-day Tape) FSP
4:30 a.m.: UEFA Nations League Soccer Hungary vs Germany. (Same-day Tape) FS1

NHL PLAYOFFS RANGERS VS. LIGHTNING

Tampa Bay knows NY won't be easy out

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Lightning know what type of effort it will take to finish off the New York Rangers.

The two-time defending champions are one win away from a third straight trip to the Stanley Cup Final, where they would continue their bid to become the first team in 40 years to win three consecutive NHL titles.

The Rangers, down 3-2 to the Lightning in the Eastern Conference final, have been especially resilient this postseason.

In addition to overcoming a 3-2 playoff series deficit to eliminate the Pittsburgh Penguins in the opening round, New York rebounded from losing the first two games to Carolina in the second round to oust the Hurricanes in seven games.

Game 6 of the East final is Saturday night at Amalie Arena. The Lightning won Games 3 and 4 on home after dropping the first two on the road.

"We've been down 3-2 every series so far, so we're going to have to have a level of desperation," Rangers forward Andrew Copp said.

"The confidence of doing it before is bigger and better, having to do it again there's belief in the room. ... We're playing pretty good, and it's a really, really tight series," Copp added. "We just got to make that extra play at the end of the game to be the difference."

Since being outscored 9-4 in the first two games at Madison Square Garden, Tampa Bay has won three straight to move to the brink of having a shot at the NHL's first three-peat since the New York Islanders won four straight championships from 1980-83.

Game 7, if necessary, will be Tuesday night in New York.

The Lightning, who've won 10 consecutive series dating to the start of the 2020 postseason, aren't taking anything for granted.

"We obviously know the fourth one in the hardest one to win. Our mindset has got to be the same as the last three games," veteran Lightning forward Pat Maroon said.

"We know what's at stake. We don't take games off," Tampa Bay's Nick Paul added. "(New York) is a really good team. You take a night off, they're going to take it over. ... There's no letting off the gas."

The Rangers are 5-0 this postseason when facing elimination.

They're 2-7 on the road in the playoffs, but did win Game 6 at Pittsburgh to even that series before prevailing in Game 7 at Carolina to reach the East final.

"We don't care when we win it, we just want to win it," Lightning coach Jon Cooper said.

"We have a great opportunity (Saturday night) to do that. ... But just because it's an elimination game, it doesn't mean we are going to knock them out," Cooper added. "If we don't bring our best, it'll be trouble for us because I know the Rangers will bring their best."

Rangers coach Gerard Gallant is counting it.

"It'll be a battle. They're a good hockey team, that's why they're the Stanley Cup champs," Gallant said. "We have to go in there, play our best game ... win a game and give us a chance for a Game 7 back home."



Yankees relief pitcher Lucas Luetge throws during a game against the Orioles on April 17 in Baltimore.
NICK WASS/AP

YANKEES

Luetge leads the way as bullpen shuts down Twins

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

MINNEAPOLIS — For Lucas Luetge, Thursday night summed up his 2022 season.

The lefty reliever struggled early with two rough outings and hadn't really found his way until he got the call at Target Field.

Luetge anchored a bullpen triage after Gerrit Cole got hammered and was chased after 2 ⅓ innings. The lefty gave the Yankees 2 ⅓ scoreless innings and time for the offense to rally for a 10-7 win over the Twins.

"It's kind of a unique win for us," Luetge said. "Most games this year we've been kind of in control.

"This was the first time we kind of got punched in the mouth early and the team never gave up. Everybody stepped up."

The bullpen did tremendous work Thursday night, putting together seven scoreless innings. Miguel Castro got 1 ⅓ scoreless and then Wandy Peralta, Michael King and Clay Holmes each pitched a scoreless inning.

"Outstanding," Cole said of the bullpen's heavy lifting after his early exit. "Lucas has put a few good ones together in a row and tonight was obviously huge for us. Wandy was super crisp. Mike King came in and does what Mike King does, and Clay closed it down.

"I thought that it was really special for them to be able to keep throwing up zeros. I mean, obviously the momentum swings drastically in favor of the Twins early and I can't do anything about it.

"But with the quality of at-bats that we're having, we continue to play good defense, [and] for the bullpen to throw up zeros and let us continue to kind of gain momentum, make our at-bats more relevant as the game goes on, to ultimately get the lead in and lock it down —I mean, what a great team win tonight. Super impressive."

Holmes picked up his ninth save of the season and extended his scoreless streak to 27 innings over 25 straight appearances. He has the longest single-season scoreless streak since Mariano Rivera went 30 ⅔ scoreless innings in 1999.

RED SOX NOTES

Sale being considered as bullpen option

By Jaosn Mastrodonato
Boston Herald

With a starting rotation that's been durable, consistent and at times overpowering this year, the Red Sox could go a different way with their former ace when he returns.

How about Chris Sale, the reliever?

Pitching coach Dave Bush told The Athletic this week that the team was considering bringing Sale back out of the bullpen when he's finally ready to throw big league innings again.

He's still at least a few weeks away from that point, but once the Sox take a look at him on his rehab assignment they'll be able to make a decision, Bush said.

"I think everything is on the table at this point," he said. "If it suits him and us for him to come back sooner and in fewer innings and we have a bullpen that's capable of absorbing the extra innings, then maybe that's an option."

In some ways it's surprising, in some ways not.

Baseball appreciates multi-inning relievers now more than perhaps ever before, and the Sox' bullpen could use the lift.

But it's surprising that Sale is currently on a Hall of Fame track as a starting pitcher, and while he hasn't looked totally himself for the better part of the last four years, taking him out of a starter's routine is asking a lot.

The Red Sox tried this with Nathan Eovaldi in 2019 and regretted it almost immediately. Manager Alex Cora to this day remains apologetic for his decision to put Eovaldi in the 'pen so he could make a quicker return from an April 2019 surgery to remove loose bodies from his elbow.

Trade deadline flip flop: There has been a ripple effect of Boston's 20-9 stretch over the last month.

They entered Friday 30-28 and in the third wild card position with about ⅔ of the season remaining, which means it's highly unlikely they'll be sellers at the Aug. 2 trade deadline this year.

It's a bummer for baseball fans who like to see action at the deadline, given the Sox have some of the highest-profile trade candidates on the market in Xander Bogaerts, J.D. Martinez, Nathan Eovaldi, Kiké Hernandez and Christian Vazquez, among others, all eligible for free agency after the season.

The New York Post reported Friday that A's starter Frankie Montas, Royals outfielder Andrew Benintendi and Orioles outfielder Trey Mancini are the likeliest players to be moved from the American League, although a lot could change before then.

Duran still in AAA: At some point one would think the Red Sox will give speedy outfield prospect Jarren Duran an extended look at every day playing time in the big leagues and see if he can learn to make adjustments.

So far, it hasn't happened.

Duran's last stint in the bigs ended after three days when Jackie Bradley Jr. returned from paternity leave, then the Sox passed on Duran and instead called up utility man Jonathan Arauz this week when Kiké Hernandez went on the injured list with a hip strain.

METS

NL East race is getting interesting

By Matthew Roberson
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Don't look now, but we might have a race on our hands.

The Mets still enter their weekend series against the Angels with a 6.5-game lead in the National League East, the largest cushion of any NL division leader. But the Phillies have rattled off seven wins in a row and are inching toward .500 again, while the Braves have done them one better. Atlanta charges into the weekend having won eight in a row to claim their spot in second place.

Even the Marlins are lurking beneath the surface. Miami, sitting in fourth place, has a better run differential and record against NL East teams than the Braves. The Marlins' 6-3 start to June has made things more interesting, and the team also has Sandy Alcantara, who's doing his best impression of Jacob deGrom's first half from last year. Washington's biggest impact on the 2022 season will come at the trade deadline when they decide who to get rid of.

With the teams in the Mets' rearview mirror finally playing up to their capabilities, the division has a much different feel than it did just two weeks ago. At that point, the Mets were the only team in the East with a winning record. Atlanta's hot streak has put them back in that club, and another good week from the Phillies and Marlins will make it even more crowded.

In other words, buckle up. On paper, the NL East is one of the most talented divisions in Major League Baseball.

For the Braves, the schedule gods have been on their side recently. The eight consecutive wins have come at the expense of the Diamondbacks, Rockies, A's and Pirates. At 28-31, the D-backs have the best record of that quiet quartet. But the question was never if the Braves were a good team, it was when they'd remember.

In Philadelphia, the month of June has been somewhat of a spiritual cleanse. Joe Girardi was fired on June 3 and the team has not lost since. During this momentous month in Philly, Bryce Harper has been living on another planet. The reigning MVP has been unable to play the field due to an elbow injury, and focusing only on hitting has had the anticipated effect for one of the best hitters of his generation.

YARD GOATS 14, SEA DOGS 12

Goats outlast Portland

Staff report

PORTLAND, Maine — The Hartford Yard Goats hit four home runs and as part of a 16-hit attack in winning their seventh straight game with a 14-12 win over the Portland Sea Dogs in an Eastern League Northeast Division game on Friday night.

Daniel Montano had three hits, including a homer, with an RBI and three runs scored, and Willie MacIver had four hits, also with a homer, three runs and two RBIs. Hartford (36-19) used two big innings in the win, scoring five runs in the second and seven in the fourth. Aaron Schunk, with a three-run shot, and Michael Toglia went back-to-back as part of the fourth-inning romp.

Fineas Del Bonta-Smith (2-0) picked up the win in relief. Tyreque Reed and Tyler Dearden each had two homers for Portland.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	41	16	.719	—	—	8-2	W-1	23-7	18-9
Tampa Bay	34	23	.596	7	—	6-4	W-3	21-13	13-10
Toronto	33	23	.589	7½	—	7-3	L-1	18-10	15-13
Boston	30	28	.517	11½	—	7-3	L-1	13-14	17-14
Baltimore	24	34	.414	17½	6	4-6	L-1	15-15	9-19

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	33	26	.559	—	—	4-6	L-1	18-13	15-13
Cleveland	27	26	.509	3	½	8-2	W-2	14-9	13-17
Chicago	26	29	.473	5	2½	4-6	L-2	12-15	14-14
Detroit	23	33	.411	8½	6	6-4	W-2	15-15	8-18
Kansas City	19	37	.339	12½	10	3-7	W-2	11-19	8-18

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	36	21	.632	—	—	7-3	L-1	15-8	21-13
Los Angeles	28	31	.475	9	2½	1-9	W-1	16-16	12-15
Texas	26	30	.464	9½	3	4-6	L-1	13-16	13-14
Seattle	26	31	.456	10	3½	6-4	W-1	12-10	14-21
Oakland	20	39	.339	17	10½	1-9	L-9	7-23	13-16

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	38	21	.644	—	—	6-4	L-2	19-8	19-13
Atlanta	31	27	.534	6½	—	8-2	W-8	17-14	14-13
Philadelphia	28	29	.491	9	2½	7-3	W-7	15-15	13-14
Miami	25	30	.455	11	4½	6-4	W-3	15-14	10-16
Washington	21	38	.356	17	10½	3-7	L-3	9-18	12-20

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Milwaukee	33	26	.559	—	—	2-8	L-6	15-12	18-14
St. Louis	32	26	.552	½	—	5-5	L-3	16-11	16-15
Pittsburgh	24	31	.436	7	5½	5-5	L-3	13-17	11-14
Chicago	23	33	.411	8½	7	4-6	L-3	11-20	12-13
Cincinnati	20	37	.351	12	10½	4-6	L-2	12-17	8-20

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Los Angeles	37	20	.649	—	—	4-6	W-2	17-10	20-10
San Diego	35	22	.614	2	—	5-5	W-2	15-11	20-11
San Francisco	30	26	.536	6½	—	5-5	L-1	14-13	16-13
Arizona	28	31	.475	10	3½	5-5	W-2	14-16	14-15
Colorado	25	32	.439	12	5½	4-6	W-1	16-16	9-16

BOX SCORES

NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS

Through Thursday

BATTING: Goldschmidt, St. Louis, .338; M.Machado, San Diego, .329; Cooper, Miami, .319; McNeil, New York, .314; Harper, Philadelphia, .308; Bell, Washington, .305; Iglesias, Colorado, .305; T.Turner, Los Angeles, .302; Canha, New York, .295; Hosmer, San Diego, .294.
RUNS: Betts, Los Angeles, 52; Edman, St. Louis, 46; Harper, Philadelphia, 42; Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 40; Lindor, New York, 39; Alonso, New York, 38; M.Machado, San Diego, 38; Freeman, Los Angeles, 37; Schwarber, Philadelphia, 37; Drury, Cincinnati, 36; S.Marte, New York, 36.
RBI: Alonso, New York, 54; Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 47; T.Turner, Los Angeles, 46; Harper, Philadelphia, 45; Lindor, New York, 45; Cron, Colorado, 41; Arenado, St. Louis, 39; Betts, Los Angeles, 39; Chisholm Jr., Miami, 37; Tellez, Milwaukee, 37.
HITS: Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 72; M.Machado, San Diego, 69; T.Turner, Los Angeles, 67; Bell, Washington, 65; Betts, Los Angeles, 65; Freeman, Los Angeles, 65; Cron, Colorado, 63; Hernandez, Washington, 63; Harper, Philadelphia, 62; Alonso, New York, 61; McNeil, New York, 61.
DOUBLES: Olson, Atlanta, 24; Freeman, Los Angeles, 21; K.Marte, Arizona, 21; Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 19; Harper, Philadelphia, 19; M.Machado, San Diego, 16; J.Turner, Los Angeles, 16; Cooper, Miami, 15; E.Escobar, New York, 15; Franco, Washington, 15.
TRIPLES: Chisholm Jr., Miami, 4; Nimmo, New York, 4; Edman, St. Louis, 3; E.Escobar, New York, 3; Joe, Colorado, 3; J.Sanchez, Miami, 3; C.Taylor, Los Angeles, 3; Wong, Milwaukee, 3; 17 tied at 2.
HOME RUNS: Alonso, New York, 16; Betts, Los Angeles, 16; C.Walker, Arizona, 15; Harper, Philadelphia, 15; Schwarber, Philadelphia, 15; Riley, Atlanta, 15; Cron, Colorado, 14; Pederson, San Francisco, 13; Wisdom, Chicago, 12; Soler, Miami, 12; Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 12; Soto, Washington, 12.
STOLEN BASES: Bader, St. Louis, 14; Edman, St. Louis, 14; T.Turner, Los Angeles, 13; Acuna Jr., Atlanta, 11; Chisholm Jr., Miami, 10; Berti, Miami, 9; Swanson, Atlanta, 9; 7 tied at 8.
PITCHING: T.Anderson, Los Angeles, 7-0; Gonsolin, Los Angeles, 7-0; Carrasco, New York, 7-1; Musgrove, San Diego, 6-0; K.Thompson, Chicago, 6-1; Alcantara, Miami, 6-2; Fried, Atlanta, 6-2; Buehler, Los Angeles, 6-2; Wright, Atlanta, 6-3; Gray, Washington, 6-4.
ERA: Gonsolin, Los Angeles, 1.58; Alcantara, Miami, 1.61; Musgrove, San Diego, 1.64; P.Lopez, Miami, 2.18; Wright, Atlanta, 2.39; Burnes, Milwaukee, 2.48; Fried, Atlanta, 2.64; Wainwright, St. Louis, 2.73; Dak.Hudson, St. Louis, 2.76; J.Urias, Los Angeles, 2.78.
STRIKEOUTS: Burnes, Milwaukee, 92; Aa.Nola, Philadelphia, 85; Alcantara, Miami, 77; Rodon, San Francisco, 75; Bassitt, New York, 74; Mahle, Cincinnati, 74; Wright, Atlanta, 73; H.Greene, Cincinnati, 72; Manaea, San Diego, 71; Fried, Atlanta, 69; Gray, Washington, 69.

LATE THURSDAY:
ATLANTA 3, PITTSBURGH 1

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hayes 3b	4	0	2	0	0	.289
Reynolds cf	4	0	3	0	0	.227
Vogelbach dh	4	0	0	0	2	.229
Chavis 1b	4	0	1	0	2	.270
Castillo ss	3	0	0	0	3	.213
a-Marcano ph	1	0	0	0	0	.242
Suwinski rf	4	1	1	1	2	.235
Chang 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.125
Heineman c	3	0	0	0	1	.162
Swaggerty lf	3	0	1	0	2	.143
TOTALS	**33**	**1**	**8**	**1**	**13**	
Atlanta	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Acuna Jr. rf	2	1	0	0	0	.312
Swanson ss	4	1	1	1	2	.278
Riley 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.264
Olson 1b	4	0	0	0	2	.253
d'Arnaud c	3	1	1	1	1	.252
Albies 2b	3	0	1	0	1	.249
Ozuna dh	3	0	0	0	1	.226
Duvall lf	3	0	1	1	1	.207
Harris II cf	3	0	1	0	0	.273
TOTALS	**29**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**9**	

Pittsburgh	**000 100 000**	**—**	**1**	**8**	**0**
Atlanta	**012 000 00x**	**—**	**3**	**6**	**0**

a-grounded out for Castillo in the 9th.
LOB: Pittsburgh 5, Atlanta 5. **2B:** d'Arnaud (10).
HR: Suwinski (8), off Fried.

RBIs: Suwinski (16), Duvall (21), Swan son (27), d'Arnaud (24). SB: Acuna Jr. (11).
CS: Hayes (3).

Runners left in scoring position: Pittsburgh 2(Chavis, Castillo); Atlanta 2 (Albies, Swanson).
RISP: Pittsburgh 0for 4; Atlanta 2for 5.
Runners moved up: Ozuna.
GIDP: Vogelbach, Ozuna. **DP:** Pittsburgh 1(Chang, Chavis); Atlanta 1 (Swanson, Olson).

PITTSBURGH	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Brubaker, L, 0-6	7	6	3	3	2	7	4.60
De Jong	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.77
ATLANTA	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Fried, W, 6-2	6	8	1	1	0	8	2.64
Smith, H, 6	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.97
Minter, H, 13	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.08
Jansen, S, 16-19	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.51

HBP: Brubaker (Acuna Jr.).
Umpires: Home, David Rackley; First, Larry Vanover; Second, Junior Valentine; Third, Sean Barber.
T: 2:26.
A: 39,336(41,084).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING: Arraez, Minnesota, .359; Anderson, Chicago, .356; J.Martinez, Boston, .353; Devers, Boston, .342; France, Seattle, .327; Bogaerts, Boston, .319; Benintendi, Kansas City, .312; Judge, New York, .310; Mancini, Baltimore, .304; Alvarez, Houston, .299.
RUNS: Judge, New York, 48; Devers, Boston, 43; Trout, Los Angeles, 39; Alvarez, Houston, 38; Straw, Cleveland, 38; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 37; Bogaerts, Boston, 36; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 35; Springer, Toronto, 34; J.Martinez, Boston, 33; Rizzo, New York, 33.
RBI: J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 55; Judge, New York, 45; Story, Boston, 41; Rizzo, New York, 39; Alvarez, Houston, 38; France, Seattle, 38; Stanton, New York, 36; A.Garcia, Texas, 36; Tucker, Houston, 34; Walsh, Los Angeles, 33.
HITS: Devers, Boston, 80; France, Seattle, 74; Bogaerts, Boston, 67; Judge, New York, 65; J.Martinez, Boston, 65; Benintendi, Kansas City, 64; Mancini, Baltimore, 62; Arraez, Minnesota, 61; Bichette, Toronto, 61; Hays, Baltimore, 59.
DOUBLES: Devers, Boston, 23; J.Martinez, Boston, 20; Espinal, Toronto, 16; Gurriel, Houston, 16; K.Hernandez, Boston, 16; Andrus, Oakland, 15; Bogaerts, Boston, 15; 8 tied at 14.
TRIPLES: J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 4; Gordon, Minnesota, 3; Rivera, Kansas City, 3; Rosario, Cleveland, 3; Witt Jr., Kansas City, 3; 20 tied at 2.
HOME RUNS: Judge, New York, 22; Alvarez, Houston, 17; Buxton, Minnesota, 15; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 15; Trout, Los Angeles, 14; Rizzo, New York, 14; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 13; Stanton, New York, 12; Devers, Boston, 12; 5 tied at 11.
STOLEN BASES: J.Rodriguez, Seattle, 17; Mateo, Baltimore, 14; White, Texas, 12; Mullins, Baltimore, 11; Straw, Cleveland, 11; Arozarena, Tampa Bay, 10; Semien, Texas, 10; Tucker, Houston, 10; Witt Jr., Kansas City, 10; Kiner-Falefa, New York, 9; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 9.
PITCHING: Manoah, Toronto, 7-1; McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 7-2; Verlander, Houston, 7-2; Taillon, New York, 6-1; Gilbert, Seattle, 6-2; F.Valdez, Houston, 6-2; Cimber, Toronto, 6-2; Cole, New York, 5-1; Skubal, Detroit, 5-2; Cortes, New York, 5-2; Blackburn, Oakland, 5-2; Rasmussen, Tampa Bay, 5-2; Ryan, Minnesota, 5-2.
ERA: M.Perez, Texas, 1.56; Manoah, Toronto, 1.81; McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 1.87; Cortes, New York, 1.96; Verlander, Houston, 2.13; Skubal, Detroit, 2.33; Gilbert, Seattle, 2.41; F.Valdez, Houston, 2.61; Blackburn, Oakland, 2.62; Taillon, New York, 2.73.
STRIKEOUTS: McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 98; Cease, Chicago, 89; Cole, New York, 84; Montas, Oakland, 78; Ray, Seattle, 77; Gausman, Toronto, 73; Verlander, Houston, 73; Eovaldi, Boston, 72; Cortes, New York, 71; Gilbert, Seattle, 70; Skubal, Detroit, 70.

LATE THURSDAY:
MIAMI 7, WASHINGTON 4

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Thomas lf	4	1	2	1	1	.233
Adrianza 2b	5	0	0	0	3	.182
Soto rf	5	0	1	2	0	.225
Bell 1b	3	0	2	0	0	.305
Franco 3b	4	0	1	0	2	.270
Hernandez dh	4	0	0	0	0	.265
Adams c	4	0	2	0	1	.226
L.Garcia ss	3	1	0	0	2	.300
Robles cf	3	2	1	0	0	.237
TOTALS	**35**	**4**	**9**	**3**	**9**	
Miami	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Chisholm Jr. 2b	4	2	2	0	1	.255
Cooper dh	3	1	2	1	0	.319
Aguilar 1b	4	0	1	1	0	.242
A.Garcia rf	2	2	1	0	1	.228
Sanchez cf	4	2	2	3	1	.235
Berti 3b	4	0	2	2	1	.282
Rojas ss	3	0	0	0	0	.220
Stallings c	4	0	0	0	1	.197
De La Cruz lf	4	0	0	0	2	.233
TOTALS	**32**	**7**	**10**	**7**	**7**	

Washington	**000 020 200**	**—**	**4**	**9**	**1**
Miami	**300 040 00x**	**—**	**7**	**10**	**1**

E: Robles (5), A.Garcia (1).
LOB: Washington 8, Miami 5.

2B: Thomas (8), Sanchez (7), Cooper (15), A.Garcia (4).

HR: Sanchez (8), off Strasburg.
RBIs: Soto 2(23), Thomas (23), Sanchez 3(23), Berti 2(8), Cooper (27), Aguilar (23). **SB:** Chisholm Jr. (10).
Runners left in scoring position: Washington 3(Franco 2, Bell); Miami 3(Berti 2, Rojas). **RISP:** Washington 2for 8; Miami 4for 9.
Runners moved up: Soto, Aguilar.
GIDP: Adams, Stallings. **DP:** Washington 1(Franco, Adrianza, Bell); Miami 1 (Berti, Chisholm Jr., Aguilar).

WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Strasburg, L, 0-1	4⅔	8	7	7	2	5	13.50
Ramirez	1⅓	1	0	0	0	0	3.38
Weems	1	1	0	0	1	1	10.38
Espino	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.03
MIAMI	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Rogers, W, 3-5	5	6	2	2	1	5	5.58
Nance	1	2	2	2	1	0	4.26
Bleier, H, 3	⅔	0	0	0	1	1	5.27
Bass, H, 9	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1	2.01
Scott, S, 3-3	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.43

Pitches-Strikes: Gray 101-69; Cishek 20-10; Edwards Jr. 31-18; Finnegan 14-7; Rainey 11-7;
Alcantara 105-84; Scott 14-11.
Inherited runners-scored: Bleier 1-0, Bass 2-0. **HBP:** Strasburg (Cooper), Nance (Robles). **WP:** Strasburg, Weems.
Umpires: Home, Ted Barrett; First, Lance Barksdale; Second, Nic Lentz; Third, Nestor Ceja.
T: 3:09. **A:** 9,108(36,742).

LATE THURSDAY:
L.A. ANGELS 5, BOSTON 2

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Arroyo 2b	4	1	1	0	0	.191
Devers 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.336
Martinez dh	4	0	1	0	1	.351
Verdugo lf	4	0	2	1	1	.251
Vazquez c	3	0	0	0	0	.279
Cordero rf	3	1	0	0	1	.223
Bradley Jr. cf	4	0	1	0	2	.228
Dalbec 1b	3	0	1	1	1	.193
Arauz ss	3	0	0	0	1	.000
TOTALS	**32**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**9**	
Los Angeles	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Ohtani p-dh	4	1	2	2	2	.247
Lagares cf	4	1	1	0	0	.281
Stassi c	3	0	1	0	2	.250
Walsh 1b	4	0	0	0	2	.243
Adell rf	2	0	2	0	0	.238
Marsh lf	1	0	0	0	1	.244
Thomas lf-rf	2	1	0	0	1	.000
Mayfield 3b	4	1	0	0	1	.194
Wade 2b	4	0	1	0	3	.216
Velazquez ss	4	1	1	3	3	.179
TOTALS	**32**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**15**	

Boston	**000 010 010**	**—**	**2**	**6**	**0**
Los Angeles	**000 023 00x**	**—**	**5**	**8**	**0**

LOB: Boston 6, Los Angeles 7.
2B: Verdugo (14), Martinez (21), Stassi (5), Adell (5).
HR: Ohtani (12), off Pivetta; Velazquez (3), off Sawamura.
RBIs: Dalbec (14), Verdugo (29), Ohtani 2(34), Velazquez 3(15).
SB: Arroyo (3).
SF: Dalbec.
Runners left in scoring position: Boston 3(Arroyo, Cordero, Devers); Los Angeles 4(Thomas, Lagares 2, Walsh).
RISP: Boston 1for 10; Los Angeles 2 for 11.

Runners moved up: Vazquez, Arauz 2, Walsh.

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pivetta, L, 5-5	5	6	4	4	2	11	3.78
Sawamura	1	1	1	1	0	1	3.10
Davis	1	1	0	0	1	1	1.57
Robles	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.50
LOS ANGELES	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Ohtani, W, 4-4	7	4	1	1	2	6	3.64
Tepera	1	2	1	1	0	1	4.38
Iglesias, S, 12-14	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.43

Inherited runners-scored: Sawamura 2-2.
HBP: Pivetta (Thomas).
WP: Ohtani(2).
PB: Stassi (3).

Umpires: Home, Charlie Ramos; First, Chris Conroy; Second, Carlos Torres; Third, Cory Blaser.
T: 3:09.
A: 28,595(45,517).

CLEVELAND 8, OAKLAND 4

Oakland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kemp lf	3	0	1	0	1	.235
Laureano rf	5	0	0	0	0	.255
Lowrie 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.207
Murphy c	3	1	0	0	1	.199
Bethancourt dh	4	2	3	2	0	.245
Andrus ss	3	1	1	0	0	.242
Davidson 1b	2	0	0	0	1	.111
a-Brown ph-1b	2	0	1	2	1	.211
Smith 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.184
Pache cf	3	0	1	0	1	.166
c-Barrera ph	1	0	1	0	0	.242
TOTALS	**33**	**4**	**8**	**4**	**6**	
Cleveland	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Straw cf	5	0	0	0	0	.222
Kwan lf	4	1	3	1	0	.271
Ramirez dh	4	1	1	1	0	.284
Naylor 1b	5	1	1	1	1	.276
Gonzalez rf	4	0	4	1	0	.404
1-Mercado pr-rf	0	1	0	0	0	.206
Miller 2b	4	1	1	0	1	.262
Gimenez ss	4	1	1	1	1	.309
Clement 3b	3	1	1	0	0	.225
Maile c	3	1	1	0	2	.244
b-Palacios ph	1	0	1	2	0	.296
Hedges c	0	0	0	0	0	.165
TOTALS	**37**	**8**	**14**	**7**	**5**	

Oakland	**020 002 000**	**—**	**4**	**8**	**1**
Cleveland	**000 201 14x**	**—**	**8**	**14**	**0**

a-doubled for Davidson in the 6th. b-doubled for Maile in the 8th. c-singled for Pache in the 9th. 1-ran for Gonzalez in the 8th. **E:** Trivino (1). **LOB:** Oakland 7, Cleveland 8. **2B:** Andrus (15), Brown (11), Bethancourt (8), Kemp (6), Gonzalez (6), Palacios (4). HR: Bethancourt (2), off Pilkington; Ramirez (15), off Kaprielian; Naylor (7), off Kaprielian. **RBIs:** Bethancourt 2(12), Brown 2(25), Ramirez (55), Naylor (30), Gonzalez (6), Kwan (16), Gimenez (31), Palacios 2(6). SB: Kwan (4). CS: Andrus (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Oakland 6(Smith, Andrus, Laureano 4); Cleveland 4(Clement, Naylor 3). **RISP:** Oakland 1for 5; Cleveland 5for 14. **GIDP:** Laureano, Gimenez. **DP:** Oakland 1(Andrus, Smith, Davidson); Cleveland 1(Gimenez, Miller, Naylor).

OAKLAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kaprielian	5	5	2	2	0	3	5.73
Puk, H, 5	1⅓	2	1	1	0	1	1.85
Jackson, H, 10	⅓	1	1	1	1	0	3.70
Moll, BS, 0-1	⅓	1	0	0	1	1	1.47
Trivino, L, 1-5	⅓	5	4	4	1	0	9.20
Pruitt	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	4.05
CLEVELAND	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Pilkington	5⅔	4	4	4	4	2	3.57
Shaw	⅓	1	0	0	0	0	3.93
Hentges	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	0.96
De Los Santos, W, 1-0	⅔	1	0	0	0		52
Stephan	1	2	0	0	0	2	3.60

Inherited runners-scored: Moll 2-1, Pruitt 2-0, Shaw 2-2.
IBB: off Moll (Ramirez).
HBP: Pilkington (Murphy).
WP: De Los Santos. **Umpires:** Home, Adam Beck; First, Bruce Dreckman; Second, Jeremie Rehak; Third, Paul Emmel. T: 3:23. **A:** 12,995(34,788).

LATE THURSDAY:
KANSAS CITY 7, BALTIMORE 5

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Mullins cf	5	1	2	1	2	.240
Mancini dh	3	1	1	1	0	.304
Hays rf	5	1	2	1	0	.295
Mountcastle 1b	5	0	1	2	3	.256
Santander lf	5	0	1	0	0	.230
Nevin 3b	4	0	2	0	1	.243
Odor 2b	3	1	0	0	0	.217
Chirinos c	3	0	0	0	0	.129
1-Urias pr-ss	0	0	0	0	0	.225
Mateo ss	3	1	1	0	1	.212
a-Rutschmn ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	.143
TOTALS	**37**	**5**	**10**	**5**	**7**	
Kansas City	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Merrifield rf	5	2	2	0	0	.225
Benintendi lf	5	0	1	0	0	.312
Witt Jr. ss	3	1	2	1	0	.227
Perez c	4	1	1	2	1	.203
Melendez dh	2	2	1	2	1	.259
Santana 1b	4	1	1	2	0	.190
Rivera 3b	3	0	1	0	0	.215
Taylor cf	3	0	1	0	0	.261
Lopez 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.212
TOTALS	**33**	**7**	**10**	**7**	**2**	

Baltimore	**001 030 010**	**—**	**5**	**10**	**1**
Kansas City	**004 021 00x**	**—**	**7**	**10**	**1**

a-flied out for Mateo in the 8th. 1-ran for Chirinos in the 8th. **E:** Nevin (3), Perez (1). **LOB:** Baltimore 11, Kansas City 7. **2B:** Mullins 2(14), Mountcastle (7), Benintendi (9), Witt Jr. (14).
3B: Rivera (3).
HR: Melendez (5), off Lyles; Santana (3), off Lyles.
RBIs: Mancini (25), Hays (31), Mountcastle 2(27), Mullins (21), Perez 2(25), Melendez 2(13), Santana 2(13), Witt Jr. (29). SB: Witt Jr. 2(10). CS: Witt Jr. (2). SF: Witt Jr.. **Runners left in scoring position:** Baltimore 4(Hays 2, Chirinos 2); Kansas City 5(Lopez, Melendez 2, Perez, Taylor). **RISP:** Baltimore 4for 10; Kansas City 1for 8. **Runners moved up:** Rutschman, Perez, Benintendi. **GIDP:** Santana. **DP:** Baltimore 1(Nevin, Odor, Mountcastle).

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lyles, L, 3-5	5	8	6	6	3	1	4.97
Gillaspie	1	1	1	0	0	1	0.90
Vespi	1⅓	1	0	0	1	0	0.00
Baker	⅔	0	0	0	1	0	5.25
KANSAS CITY	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Bubic	4⅓	6	4	4	2	5	9.13
Snider	⅓	1	0	0	1	0	7.71
Payamps, W, 2-1	1⅓	0	0	0	1	0	2.62
Staumont, H, 4	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.18
Vizcaino, H, 2	⅔	1	1	1	1	0	4.91
Barlow, S, 6-7	1⅓	2	0	0	1	1	1.78

Inherited runners-scored: Snider 2-2, Payamps 2-0, Barlow 2-1.
PB: Chirinos (3).
Umpires: Home, Scott Barry; First, Ben May; Second, Clint Vondrak; Third, Dan Iassogna. T: 3:17. **A:** 15,594(37,903).

LATE THURSDAY:
N.Y. YANKEES 10, MINNESOTA 7

New York	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
LeMahieu 1b	5	1	2	1	0	.264
Judge cf	4	2	1	0	0	.310
Rizzo dh	4	1	2	1	0	.215
Donaldson 3b	4	1	2	1	2	.237
Torres 2b	4	1	2	0	0	.249
Hicks lf	5	1	2	3	0	.238
Kiner-Falefa ss	4	0	0	0	1	.261
Trevino c	3	1	1	0	0	.283
a-Stanton ph	0	0	0	0	0	.274
1-Higashioka pr-c	1	0	0	0	0	.157
Gallo rf	5	2	2	3	3	.193
TOTALS	**39**	**10**	**14**	**9**	**6**	
Minnesota	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Arraez 1b	4	2	1	1	0	.359
Buxton cf	4	2	2	4	0	.231
Correa ss	4	1	2	1	1	.286
Polanco 2b	3	0	1	0	1	.238
Kepler rf	4	0	0	0	1	.248
Sanchez c	4	0	0	0	1	.218
Larnach lf	4	1	1	1	2	.256
Urshela 3b	4	0	1	0	2	.278
Miranda dh	4	1	1	0	0	.224
TOTALS	**35**	**7**	**9**	**7**	**8**	

New York	**120 022 210**	**—**	**10**	**14**	**0**
Minnesota	**331 000 000**	**—**	**7**	**9**	**1**

a-walked for Trevino in the 7th.
1-ran for Stanton in the 7th.
E: Polanco (5). **LOB:** New York 8, Minnesota 5. **2B:** Judge (10), Donaldson (10), Urshela (8).
HR: Gallo 2 (8), off Bundy; LeMahieu (5), off Cotton; Hicks (2), off Smith; Arraez (2), off Cole; Buxton 2 (15), off Cole; Correa (4), off Cole; Larnach (5), off Cole.
RBIs: Donaldson (18), Gallo 3(13), LeMahieu (26), Hicks 3(11), Rizzo (39), Arraez (14), Buxton 4(28), Correa (17), Larnach (18). SB: Kiner-Falefa (9), Donaldson (1). SF: Donaldson. **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 5 (Hicks 2, Gallo 2, LeMahieu); Minnesota 1(Kepler). **RISP:** New York 2for 9; Minnesota 1for 3. **GIDP:** Judge. **DP:** New York 1(Donaldson, Judge); Minnesota 1 (Polanco, Arraez).

NEW YORK	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cole	2⅓	8	7	7	2	3	3.63
Luetge	2⅓	1	0	0	1	0	4.41
Castro, W, 3-0	1⅓	0	0	0	1	1	3.24
Peralta, H, 4	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.74
King, H, 8	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.81
Holmes, S, 9-9	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.33
MINNESOTA	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Bundy	4	5	4	4	1	1	5.87
Cotton	1	1	1	1	0	1	1.69
Smith, BS, 0-2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2.84
Duran, L, 0-2	⅓	4	2	2	0	0	2.81
Moran	1⅔	2	1	1	3	1	1.08
Cano	1	0	0	0	0	2	9.26

Inherited runners-scored: Luetge 1-0, Moran 2-0.
WP: Moran.
Umpires: Home, John Libka; First, Jim Reynolds; Second, Alex Tosi; Third, Todd Tichenor.
T: 3:32.
A: 26,646(38,544).

TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

INTERLEAGUE			2022			2021 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TM	**PITCHER**	**TIME**	**W-L**	**ERA**	**TR**	**W-L**	**IP**	**ERA**	**W-L**	**IP**	**ERA**
Mia	Garrett (L)		0-1	10.80	0-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	9.2	11.17
Hou	Valdez (L)	4:10p	6-2	2.61	7-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	3-0	22.0	2.45
ChD	Swarmer (R)		1-0	1.50	1-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	12.0	1.50
NYY	Montgomery (L)	7:15p	1-1	3.02	5-6	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	19.1	2.33
NYM	Carrasco (R)		7-1	3.52	7-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	3-0	17.2	3.57
LAA	Lorenzen (R)	10:07p	5-3	3.69	5-4	0-0	2.0	0.00	1-1	18.1	3.93

AMERICAN LEAGUE			2022			2021 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TM	**PITCHER**	**TIME**	**W-L**	**ERA**	**TR**	**W-L**	**IP**	**ERA**	**W-L**	**IP**	**ERA**
TB	Baz (R)		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	13.1	2.03
Min	TBD	2:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Tex	Pérez (L)		4-2	1.56	7-4	0-1	3.2	9.82	1-0	20.0	1.35
ChW	Giolito (R)	2:10p	4-2	3.54	4-5	1-0	5.1	1.69	2-1	16.2	4.86
Bal	Wells (R)		2-4	3.78	4-7	1-0	6.0	1.50	1-1	15.0	2.40
KC	Lynch (L)	4:10p	2-5	5.36	4-6	0-1	3.2	4.91	0-2	15.0	8.40
Oak	Montas (R)		2-6	3.06	2-10	0-0	5.0	9.00	0-2	20.0	1.80
Cle	Plesac (R)	4:10p	2-4	4.72	4-6	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	16.2	5.40
Tor	Gausman (R)		5-4	2.78	7-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	14.2	3.68
Det	Brieske (R)	4:10p	0-5	4.93	2-6	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	15.2	4.60
Bos	Wacha (R)		4-1	1.99	7-2	0-0	4.2	3.86	1-1	19.0	2.37
Sea	Kirby (R)	10:10p	1-1	3.38	3-3	0-1	5.0	9.00	1-0	17.0	3.18

NATIONAL LEAGUE			2022			2022 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TM	**PITCHER**	**TIME**	**W-L**	**ERA**	**TR**	**W-L**	**IP**	**ERA**	**W-L**	**IP**	**ERA**
Cin	Greene (R)		3-7	5.40	3-8	0-1	3.1	8.10	2-1	15.2	5.17
StL	Wainwright (R)	2:15p	5-4	2.73	7-4	0-1	5.0	7.20	0-1	19.0	2.37
Ari	Bumgarner (L)		2-5	3.64	5-7	1-1	13.0	4.15	0-3	17.0	5.82
Phi	Wheeler (R)	4:05p	4-3	3.14	5-5	0-1	6.2	8.10	2-0	18.2	2.41
Mil	Lauer (L)		5-1	2.38	7-3	1-0	7.0	0.00	1-0	15.0	3.00
Was	Corbin (L)	4:05p	2-8	6.71	2-10	0-1	5.0	9.00	2-1	16.2	7.02
Col	Freeland (L)	G1	1-5	4.52	5-6	0-2	14.2	5.52	0-1	17.0	3.71
SD	Gore (L)	4:10p	4-1	1.50	5-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	19.0	0.47
Pit	Thompson (R)		3-4	4.60	5-5	1-0	12.2	2.13	1-0	13.2	3.95
Atl	Morton (R)	4:10p	4-3	5.63	6-5	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	14.1	7.53
LAD	Urías (L)		3-5	2.78	4-7	1-0	6.0	0.00	0-2	17.1	3.12
SF	TBD	7:15p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Col	Freeland (L)	G2	1-5	4.52	5-6	0-2	14.2	5.52	0-1	17.0	3.71
SD	Gore (L)	10:10p	4-1	1.50	5-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	19.0	0.47

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Yankees, late
Oakland at Cleveland, late
Toronto at Detroit, late
Baltimore at Kansas City, late
Miami at Houston, late
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, late
Texas at Chicago White Sox, late
Boston at Seattle, late
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Oakland at Cleveland, 11:35a.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 1:40p.m.
Baltimore at Kansas City, 2:10p.m.
Miami at Houston, 2:10p.m.
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 2:10p.m.
Texas at Chicago White Sox, 2:10p.m.
Boston at Seattle, 4:10p.m.
THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Tampa Bay 2, St. Louis 1
L.A. Dodgers 11, Chicago White Sox 9
Cleveland 8, Oakland 4
N.Y. Yankees 10, Minnesota 7
Kansas City 7, Baltimore 5
L.A. Angels 5, Boston 2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Arizona at Philadelphia, late
Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Yankees, late
Milwaukee at Washington, late
Pittsburgh at Atlanta, late
Cincinnati at St. Louis, late
N.Y. Mets at L.A. Angels, late
Colorado at San Diego, late
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, late
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Arizona at Philadelphia, 1:35p.m.
Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Yankees, 1:35p.m.
Milwaukee at Washington, 1:35p.m.
Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 1:35p.m.
Cincinnati at St. Louis, 2:15p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 4:05p.m.
Colorado at San Diego, 4:10p.m.
N.Y. Mets at L.A. Angels, 7:08p.m.
THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Tampa Bay 2, St. Louis 1
Arizona 5, Cincinnati 4
Philadelphia 8, Milwaukee 3
L.A. Dodgers 11, Chicago White Sox 9
Colorado 4, San Francisco 2
Atlanta 3, Pittsburgh 1

AROUND THE HORN

■ **Braves:** First baseman Mike Ford was claimed off waivers by the Braves from the Mariners on Friday. Ford, who played 101 games with the Yankees from 2019-21, was designated for assignment by Seattle on Sunday. The Braves optioned Ford, 29, to Triple-A Gwinnett.

■ **Tigers:** The Tigers right-hander Casey Mize, the top pick in the 2018 June draft, will undergo Tommy John surgery, manager A.J. Hinch announced on Friday. Mize, 25, has been on the injured list with a right elbow sprain since April 15 after making two starts this season. Mize's ulnar collateral ligament in his elbow is still intact, but Dr. Keith Meister determined the ligament had stretched to the point where it had lost elasticity and functionality. "I'm very sad for Casey, for the work he put in and for the ultimate diagnosis," Hinch said. The date of surgery has not been determined. Mize got two outs for Triple-A Toledo on May 12, then had his rehab program slowed down. Hinch announced on Tuesday that Mize had been shut down due to continued elbow discomfort while rehabbing at the team's spring training facility in Lakeland, Florida. Mize has a 7-13 record with a 4.29 ERA in 39 big league appearances, all of them starts.

■ **Rangers:** The Rangers have put right-hander Glenn Otto, who had been scheduled to start Friday night against the White Sox, on the COVID-19-related injured list. The Rangers made the move before the game in Chicago. Catcher Mitch Garver also was put on the list. Righty Matt Bush will start instead of Otto in what's become a bullpen game. Right-handers Tyson Miller and Jésus Tinoco were added as replacements from Triple-A Round Rock. The White Sox will start right-hander Reynaldo Lopez, 4-1 with a 4.30 ERA, as an opener, instead of rookie righty Davis Martin. Martin, who had been scheduled to make his third start of the season, is expected to enter the game after Lopez. The 26-year-old Otto is 4-2 with 4.24 ERA in eight starts. The rookie has won his last three starts with a 2.25 ERA in the span. Bush will make his third start this season. He's 2-1 with a 4.22 ERA. The Rangers also activated infielder/outfielder Brad Miller from the 10-day injured list. Miller, out since May 29 with right hip impingement is slated to start in left field and bat seventh.

■ **Phillies:** The 8-year-old Phillies fan caught on TV praying for Bryson Stott in the ninth inning of a game this week got to meet his new favorite player before Friday's game. Caden Marge had his hands pressed together, Phillies rally cap turned inside out and was on the verge of tears when Stott hit in the ninth inning with the Phillies losing Sunday against the Angels. Stott hit a three-run homer Sunday with two outs in the ninth inning. The 24-year-old rookie met Marge before the game against Arizona at Citizens Bank Park and gave him an autographed bat that read, "To Caden. Thanks For The Help! Go Phils!"

■ **Twins:** Twins shortstop Royce Lewis will have reconstructive ACL surgery on his right knee for the second year in a row, yet another season-ending setback for the team's top prospect. The Twins announced the news before they played the Rays on Friday. Lewis will have the procedure later this month and need a full year to recover. He was hurt in the May 29 game in a third-inning collision with the wall.

THIS DATE IN BASEBALL
JUNE 11

1904: Bob Wicker of the Cubs pitched 9 1-3 hitless innings before Sam Mertes of the N.Y. Giants singled. Wicker won a 1-0, 12-inning one-hitter.
1938: Johnny Vander Meer hurled the first of two consecutive no-hitters, and the Reds beat the Boston Braves 3-0.
1967: The Cubs hit seven homers and the New York Mets four in the second game of a doubleheader, tying the major league record set by the New York Yankees (6) and Detroit Tigers (5) in 1950. Adolfo Phillips hit four home runs in the doubleheader for Chicago.
1981: Following Seattle's 8-2 win over Baltimore, major league players went on strike.
1985: Von Hayes became the first player in major league history to hit two home runs in the first inning. Hayes connected twice in a nine-run first, powering the Phillies to a 26-7 victory over the Mets.
1988: Rick Rhoden of the Yankees became the first pitcher since the inception of the designated hitter (1973) to start a game as the DH. He was seventh in the lineup and grounded to third out in the third inning and drove in a run with a sacrifice fly. Jose Cruz pinch-hit for him in the fifth of the 8-6 win over Baltimore.
1990: Nolan Ryan pitched the sixth no-hitter of his career to extend his major league record, and the Texas Rangers beat the Oakland Athletics 5-0. Ryan, 43, was the first to pitch no-hitters for three teams and the oldest to throw one.
1995: Lee Smith set a major league record with a save in his 16th consecutive appearance, pitching a scoreless ninth inning to preserve the California Angels' 5-4 victory over Baltimore. Smith broke the mark of 15 straight set by Doug Jones in 1988.
2002: Jared Sandberg became the 16th AL player to homer twice in an inning, and the third this season, when Tampa Bay beat Los Angeles 11-2.
2003: Houston's Roy Oswalt, Pete Munro, Kirk Saarloos, Brad Lidge, Octavio Dotel and Billy Wagner combined for the first no-hitter against the New York Yankees in 45 years, winning 8-0. The sextet set a record for the highest number of pitchers to throw a no-hitter in major league history-- four accomplished the feat twice.
2017: Rookie sensation Aaron Judge hit two more home runs, including a drive that cleared the distant bleachers at Yankee Stadium and sent New York romping past Baltimore 14-3. The 6-foot-7 Judge led the majors with 21 homers and topped the AL with 47 RBIs and a .344 average.
2019: Yordan Alvarez becomes the twenty-third player since 1908 to hit a homer in each of his first two career games, going deep in the Astros' 10-8 victory over the Brewers at Minute Maid Park.

SPORTS

Windsor

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From there, Acabchuk locked in. He shut down Maloney in order in the sixth and proceeded to mow down the next six Spartans to record the Warriors' 24th win of the season. They finished the season with a 24-1 record.

"Nate did what he's done all year," Windsor coach Joe Serfass said. "He had one strikeout, pitched to contact, allows his defense to make plays for him and made big pitches when he got stuck in jams. And he did that all the way up until the last pitch."

The Warriors got on the board first in the bottom of the second inning after Kula placed a slow ground ball perfectly to the backhand side of Maloney shortstop David Stimpson. Eli Fangiullo, who walked to start the inning, came in to score.

Maloney responded with back-to-back one-out singles from Tyler Duffy and Joseph Rodriguez, before loading the bases after a Windsor error. Spartans starting pitcher Ryan Killeen came to the plate looking to earn back the run he gave up the half inning before – and he did just that with a sacrifice fly to center field that tied the game at one.

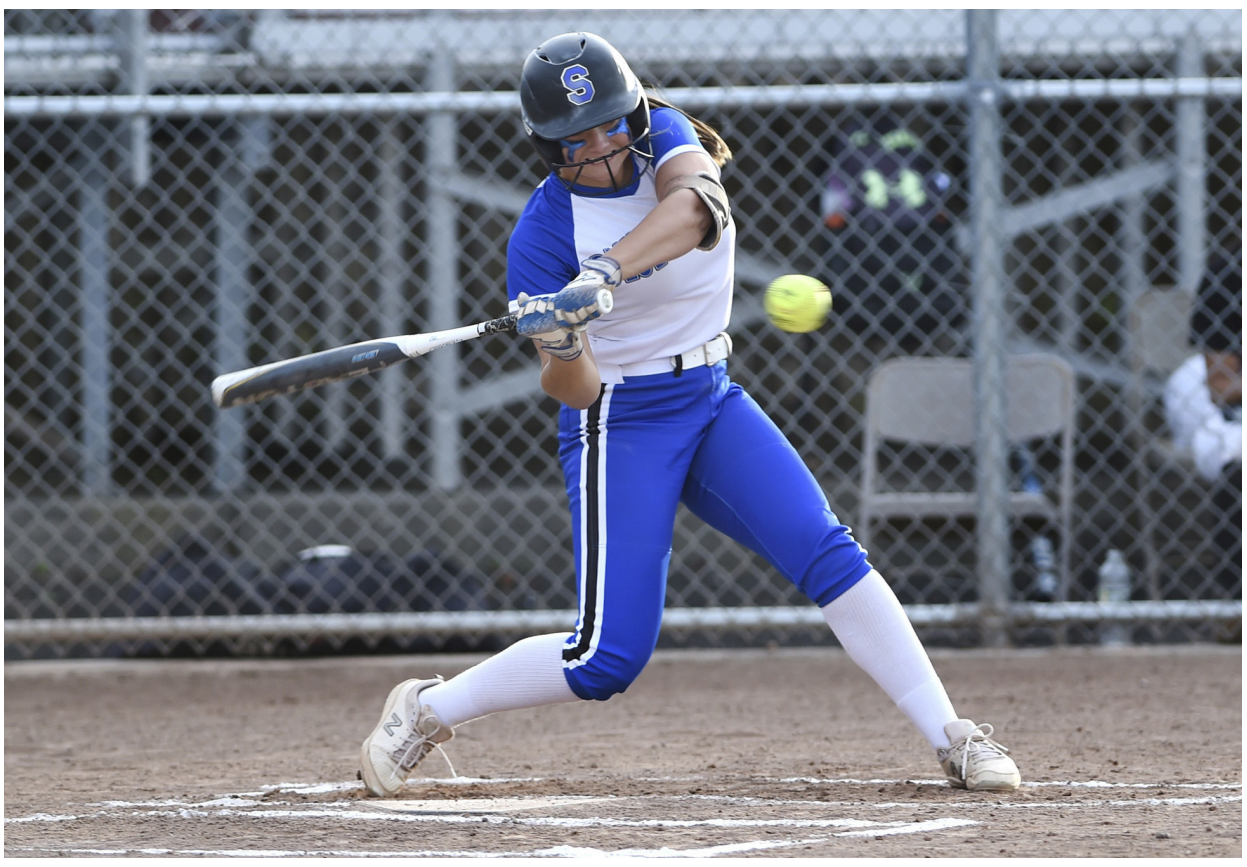
The Spartans threatened with the bases loaded an inning later but were shut down scoreless after a ground out to shortstop Ryan Cramer.

Killeen finished all six innings having allowed just six hits and one earned run while striking out four.

"We're strong," Maloney coach Ricky Marrero said. "We're gonna hopefully keep coming back – you never know when you're gonna get back here. We had a really nice run; it takes a little bit of luck to get in this spot but I'm really happy with the way our kids played."

For the third time, and the first since 1991, the state championship trophy has a spot on the bus back to Windsor.

"I'm so happy for them," Serfass said. "Because I know how bad they wanted it, and I so badly wanted to see them get it. And they got it. They got it."



Southington's Samantha Rogers swings at the ball in the CIAC Class LL softball championship game against Bristol Central at DeLuca Field on Friday in Stratford. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Southington

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which Southington won in 15 innings] and we talked about how we went 15 innings because we lacked discipline," Hernandez said. "Rachel was the only one that game that wasn't getting beat on [the pitcher's] riseball. We knew she was going to be on it.

"We talked and emphasized yesterday the discipline. The discipline. I said you cannot underestimate [Bristol Central], they are a phenomenal team. We only had good games against them because we had good discipline. We started the game with not-so-great discipline. You heard that word a million times out of my mouth during the game."

The Blue Knights, who also won in 2019, have won five titles in the last eight seasons since Hernandez took over as coach in 2014.

Southington had already beaten No. 5 Bristol Central (22-5) twice this season, 8-0 during the regular season and 13-1 in the CCC tournament semifinal.

But Bristol Central scored first in the top of the second when Mya Porrini reached on a fielders' choice, moved to second on a walk and scored when Sarah Romano singled to right field.

The Southington bats didn't stay idle for long. The Blue Knights opened the bottom of the third with an infield single by Kaitlynn Griffin. Taylor Sullivan reached base when she was hit by a pitch and Ashley Desaulniers walked to load the bases. Torreso walked the next three Southington batters and the Blue Knights took a 3-1 lead. Dominique Gaudio reached on a fielders' choice and drove in a run and a bases-clearing triple by Maddie Furniss gave Southington a 7-1 lead.

The Blue Knights batted around and would score two more runs in the third to take a 9-1 lead heading into the fourth.

Southington pitcher Samantha Sullivan got the win. She left the game after striking out the side in the fourth inning and was relieved by Stella Blanchard, who promptly struck out the first two Bristol Central batters and got out of the fifth with a pop-up by Samantha Sklenka.

Torreso gave way to Alex Sciarretto on the mound in the fourth inning but the Southington hitters kept up their assault. Desaulniers added another Southington run with a solo homer over the left field fence in the bottom of the fifth and Sam Rogers hit another shot over the right field fence in the same inning to give the Blue Knights a 12-1 lead.

Hailey Zaczynski's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the sixth gave Southington its 13th run and the game was ended due to the mercy rule.

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UConn

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"I think Coach Penders' kids relish the opportunity, and I think they relish being the underdogs," UConn women's basketball coach Geno Auriemma said. "I think they're the underdogs all the time in the NCAA tournament because of where they're from. They're from New England. When was the last time a New England team won a College World Series or was playing in the College World Series?"

That would be Holy Cross in 1952, long before the current 64-team format. UConn is the only Northeast team among the 16 still standing in the NCAA tournament and the first team from the Northeast to make it this far since Stony Brook in 2012.

"I know a lot of kids like to go south for baseball," Stock said. "I feel like right now we have the whole Northeast baseball on our shoulders. If kids see that we can do it up here, making the super regional and hopefully Omaha, maybe more kids will stay up here, increase the talent pool up here."

Many New England and Northeast teams dropped programs in recent years — Providence did so after winning 49 games in 1999. With so few home games that can be played in bearable temperatures, there is often a reluctance to put money into the program.

So formidable and unforgiving are the obstacles that Auriemma calls Penders "the best coach ever at Connecticut in any sport."

"... No one does more with less than that guy."

UConn's old J.O. Christian Field was bare bones. Eventually, the money was raised to build Elliot Ballpark, opened in 2020 and closer to the level of game-day facilities at powerful southern and western schools. Penders has a panoramic view from outside his office in the Rizza Performance Center. When he has a recruit visiting at night, he likes to turn on the stadium lights by remote control and ask, "Can you see yourself playing here?"

With the current team, Penders got a "yes" from a number of transfers that have made a difference, players who saw UConn play in the recent NCAA tournaments and wanted in. Penders expects his future teams will be like this one, with more transfers and fewer freshmen.

"You'd better be bringing men in and not boys if you want to stay at this level," he said. "... They're from such varied backgrounds. We have guys from South Carolina, multiple guys from California, from Pennsylvania, junior colleges, four-year schools, places as different as junior college in California to Harvard and Vanderbilt. Our culture is in a good enough place where all those guys could have come in and thought, 'I'm going to get mine, I'm going to think about me,' but it wound up being the exact opposite. They found something here, that winning is the best developer."

Playing in this part of the country really affects the metrics, namely the RPI that determines tournament seeding. Despite a 46-13 record on selection day, UConn drew a No. 3 seed at the Maryland Regional, hosted by the 15th overall seed. That, Penders said, makes "every game we play an elimination game." During its years in the American Athletic Conference, UConn held its own against power programs like East Carolina, Houston, Tulane, South Florida and UCF. The move back to the Big East weakened the conference schedule, with teams like Louisville, Notre Dame, Rutgers and West Virginia gone from the original conference.

Despite these obstacles, UConn has continued to build, continued to win and is now within striking distance of the College World Series, though getting there will require the Huskies to win two of three against No. 2 national seed Stanford in its storied venue, the "Sunken Diamond" in Palo Alto.

Stanford (45-15) won the Pac 12 Tournament but struggled in its regional, scoring three in the ninth to beat Texas State to survive. They hit .308 as a team, with every starter at .297 or better, and outscored opponents 455-257. Outfielder Brock Jones (.323, 15 home runs) is expected to be a first-round pick in the MLB draft.

Alex Williams (8-2, 2.35 ERA) and Quinn Matthews (9-1, 2.6) will be matched against the Huskies' top starters, Pat Gallagher (9-3, 3.21) and Austin Peterson (10-2, 3.22) in the first two games.

In those earlier days when the tournament had fewer teams and generally assigned regionals based on geography, UConn reached the College World Series five times, the last one in 1979. Those trips are represented on a brick wall beyond the left-field fence at UConn. They keep the goal, remote as it may seem, in clear view for the gritty team in this corner of the country.

"There are five pennants up there," Penders said. "That's what I think about. We're in the shadow of that every day we come out to Elliot Ballpark. Anything short of Omaha is going to be a disappointment. We've got to get back there, and we've got to win it. It's been too long."

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UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Road game at Florida for 2022-23 season is announced

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

The UConn men's basketball team will travel to play Florida at Stephen C. O'Connell Center on Dec. 7, the team announced on Friday.

The game completes a home-and-home contract that started when the Huskies defeated the Gators 62-59 on Nov. 17, 2019, at Gampel Pavilion. The matchup was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The time and television provider will be announced at a later date.

Florida went 20-14 in 2021-22 with a 9-9 record in conference play, losing to Xavier in the second round of the National Invitation Tournament. UConn was 23-10 and 13-6 in the Big East.

UConn is 4-1 all-time against the Gators. The Huskies lost their initial meeting, 69-60, in overtime in the 1994 NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 in Miami.

Westbrook

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When Westbrook was waived by the Storm on May 4, the Huskies weren't worried. In their minds, it wouldn't be long until she found another team.

"We know who Evina is," Juhász said. "We know she's an amazing player, so we knew it's gonna come."

Sure enough the opportunity did come with the Lynx a little over a week after she was waived.

Once the news was announced, UConn players looked up Minnesota's schedule. The idea was formed after they saw the game in New York on June 5. Everyone was on board, Juhász said.

From there, they launched a plan.

After the first week of summer workouts in Storrs, Juhász, Aaliyah Edwards, Amari DeBerry, Azzi Fudd, Caroline Ducharme, Lou Lopez-Sénéchal and Paige Bueckers went to New York on Saturday. They tried to keep everything under wraps until they could reunite with Westbrook in the afternoon.

"We didn't post anything on social media [before]," Ducharme said. "We were trying to be very secretive because we were there all day before we saw her."

The sleuthing skills that had Juhász referring to the Huskies as "FBI agents" were key. Players found out what hotel the Lynx were staying at, what room Westbrook was staying in and how to get up there. Luckily they had some help from one of Westbrook's teammates.

Once the players reached Westbrook's hotel room, DeBerry put her finger over the peep hole so that their identity was kept a secret as they knocked on the door.

"She opened it and she was like, 'What? When did this happen?' " Juhász said.

Westbrook was in shock.

"I remember the first couple of minutes ... she was just like, didn't say anything," Juhász recalled. "She was like, 'I can't believe you guys are here.' "

The group, which included transfer Lopez-Sénéchal meeting Westbrook for the first time, went out to dinner that night. They didn't stay out late, to make sure Westbrook got enough sleep before the game, but enjoyed getting the chance to reconnect and discuss futures in the WNBA.

"It was nice to just catch up," Juhász said. "It was nice to just talk about it, like how is the process? How is the transition from college to the WNBA? But it was nice to see that she's doing good and she's happy."

Westbrook, who the Huskies affectionately referred to as "Momma E" during her time in Storrs, is averaging 3.0 points, 2.1 assists and 1.6 rebounds in 14.4 minutes per game for the Lynx in her rookie year.

The following day, on Sunday, the UConn players finally got to see Westbrook play live at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn. Westbrook played a little under nine minutes with two assists, one rebound and one blocked shot. The Lynx defeated the Liberty, 84-77.

"It was really fun," Ducharme said. "[She was] here with us a couple months ago and now seeing [her] play on the biggest stage, and she's doing so well and she's happy. And so it's been great seeing her succeed."

The New York trip was not only a chance for a Husky reunion with Westbrook, but also for players on the 2022-23 team to continue strengthening their bond with a fun weekend away from campus. Whether in Storrs or New York or somewhere else entirely, though, where you find one UConn player you're sure to find another.

"I think it speaks a lot to the chemistry we have on the court," Ducharme said. "Just because we live together, we're here all the time, we do pretty much everything together. And I think the closer you are off the court, the more translates on the court and the better relationship we have with each other. So I think it is really special. Not a lot of teams are like that."

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Sun

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for them all night.

Meesseman was hot from the jump, scoring 13 of the Sky's first 17 points to give them a seven-point lead over the Sun early. She made each of her first six shot attempts.

Connecticut was up 44-42 with under a minute left in the first half. But then Meesseman made an and-one basket to take back control. Chicago led 45-44 at halftime behind Meesseman's 20 points, which tied a season high through only two quarters of play. She took 10 shot attempts in the first half and only missed the back of the net once.

Though the Sun did a better job containing her in the second half, Meesseman still went on to finish with 26 points on 11 of 14 shooting, along with five rebounds, four assists and two steals.

SKY 83, SUN 79

Chicago	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT
Copper	28	3-9	0-0	5	2	2	6
Meesseman	32	11-14	3-3	5	4	1	26
Parker	34	5-10	5-5	3	5	5	18
Quigley	33	2-4	2-3	4	6	1	7
Vandersloot	28	4-10	0-0	8	2	1	8
Evans	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Stevens	10	0-3	2-2	0	0	2	2
Gardner	17	5-8	3-4	5	0	1	14
Yueru	7	1-1	0-0	1	0	2	2
Allemand	7	0-2	0-0	2	0	1	0
TOTALS		**— 31-61**	**15-17**	**29**	**25**	**17**	**83**

Three-point goals: 6-14, 42.9(Parker 3-4, Meesseman 1-1, Gardner 1-2, Quigley 1-3, Copper 0-1, Vandersloot 0-1, Stevens 0-2). FG pct.: 50.8. FT pct.: 88.2. Turnovers: 12(Parker 3, Copper 2, Vandersloot 2, Gardner 2, Meesseman, Evans, Stevens). Blocks: 4(Parker 2, Gardner 2). Steals: 8(Gardner 3, Meesseman 2, Parker, Vandersloot, Yueru).

Connecticut	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT
Bonner	37	8-15	1-2	2	3	3	18
A. Thomas	35	5-12	1-2	4	8	4	11
J. Jones	35	3-9	0-0	14	2	2	7
Williams	28	4-12	0-0	5	3	2	9
Hiedeman	23	4-7	1-2	2	3	3	9
B. Jones	25	9-15	2-3	5	0	3	20
Carrington	16	2-6	0-0	3	1	0	5
TOTALS		**— 35-76**	**5-9**	**35**	**20**	**17**	**79**

Three-point goals: 4-12, 33.3(Williams 1-1, Carrington 1-1, J. Jones 1-3, Bonner 1-4, B. Jones 0-1, Hiedeman 0-2). FG pct.: 46.1. FT pct.: 55.6. Turnovers: 10(J. Jones 3, Bonner 2, A. Thomas 2, Hiedeman, B. Jones, Carrington). Blocks: 1(J. Jones). Steals: 4(Hiedeman 2, Bonner, Carrington).

Chicago	**17**	**28**	**14**	**24**	**— 83**
Connecticut	**16**	**28**	**18**	**17**	**— 79**

Officials: Bonner, Hussey, Kent. Att.: 4,816at Mohegan Sun Arena, Uncasville.

Back-and-forth runs lead to exciting finish

Friday night's game was a back-and-forth affair nearly all the way through, but especially so as things went down to the wire.

With under four minutes left in the third quarter, Jonquel Jones swatted away Rebekah Gardner's shot under the basket. On the other end, the Sun passed the ball around the perimeter until Natisha Hiedeman found Courtney Williams on the corner for a 3-pointer.

The basket was part of an 11-0 run for the Sun across a little over three minutes in the third quarter to take a 60-51 lead.

But Chicago wasn't going away that easily and went on its own 8-0 spurt to once again make it a close game. That run continued over into the fourth quarter, and after a corner 3-pointer from Allie Quigley the Sky led 76-70 with under four minutes left.

A few minutes later, however, the Sun took a one-point lead. Brionna Jones grabbed two consecutive offensive rebounds to keep the offense alive, then Alyssa Thomas found an open DeWanna Bonner, who stepped back into a 3-pointer. Connecticut was up 79-78 with less than 40 seconds left.

The Sun wouldn't be able to hold on, however. It was fouls that cost them, as the Sky scored the final five points of the game at the free-throw line, with four of those coming from Candace Parker.

The little things matter

Connecticut head coach and general manager Curt Miller said before the game that the little things would make a difference in this matchup. That sentiment proved true.

The Sky were slightly more efficient and made sure to capitalize on any defensive lapses. They shot 50.8% (31 of 61) from the field and 42.9% (6 of 14) from 3-point range. Meanwhile, the Sun went 46.1% (35 of 76) from the field and 33.3% (4 of 13) from 3-point range.

SCOREBOARD

NBA PLAYOFFS

FINALS SCHEDULE
#2 Boston 2, #3 Golden State 1
G1: June 2: Boston 120-108.
G2: May 5: Golden State 107-88.
G3: June 8: at Boston 116-100.
G4: Friday: at Boston, late
G5: Monday: at Golden State, 9 p.m.
x-G6: June 16: at Boston, 9 p.m.
x-G7: June 19: vs. Golden State, 8 p.m.
(best-of-7; x-if necessary)

NBA FINALS SERIES STATS
Celtics lead series 2-1.

GOLDEN STATE	G	RB	A	PPG
Stephen Curry	3	15	11	31.3
Klay Thompson	3	8	7	17.0
Andrew Wiggins	3	18	4	16.3
Jordan Poole	3	7	8	12.0
Kevon Looney	3	23	10	7.3
Otto Porter Jr.	3	8	5	7.0
Draymond Green	3	20	15	5.0
Nemanja Bjelica	3	6	1	3.0
Gary Payton II	2	4	4	4.5
Andre Iguodala	2	0	3	3.5
Moses Moody	3	0	0	0.7
Jonathan Kuminga	3	1	0	0.0
Damion Lee	3	0	0	0.0
Juan Toscano-Anderson	3	2	3	0.0
Team	**3**	**112**	**71**	**105.0**

WARRIORS	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA
Curry	33	68	18	37	10	12
Thompson	17	50	9	28	8	8
Wiggins	19	43	5	16	6	8
Poole	12	29	7	18	5	6
Looney	10	14	0	0	2	2
Porter Jr.	7	9	7	9	0	0
Dr.Green	5	19	0	7	5	10
Bjelica	4	6	1	1	0	0
Payton II	3	5	1	1	2	4
Iguodala	3	4	1	1	0	0
Moody	1	1	0	0	0	0
Kuminga	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lee	0	3	0	3	0	0
TAndrsn	0	1	0	1	0	0
Team	**114**	**252**	**49**	**122**	**38**	**50**

BOSTON	G	RB	A	PPG
Jaylen Brown	3	22	13	22.7
Jayson Tatum	3	17	25	22.0
Marcus Smart	3	14	14	14.7
Derrick White	3	6	7	13.3
Al Horford	3	22	10	13.0
Robert Williams	3	18	1	6.0
Grant Williams	3	9	4	5.3
Payton Pritchard	3	10	5	5.0
Aaron Nesmith	3	3	2	1.3
Malik Fitts	3	0	0	1.0
Sam Hauser	3	0	1	1.0
Nik Stauskas	3	3	1	1.0
Daniel Theis	2	5	1	1.5
Luke Kornet	1	0	1	2.0
Juwan Morgan	2	0	0	0.0
Team	**3**	**129**	**85**	**108.0**

CELTICS	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA
Ja. Brown	24	56	9	25	11	13
Tatum	20	59	10	23	16	21
Smart	16	34	7	17	5	7
White	13	33	7	15	7	7
Horford	15	23	7	10	2	5
R. Williams	9	10	0	0	0	0
G. Williams	6	11	2	6	2	4
Pritchard	6	13	3	7	0	0
Nesmith	2	5	0	2	0	0
Fitts	1	1	1	1	0	0
Hauser	1	3	1	2	0	0
Stauskas	1	3	1	3	0	0
Theis	1	2	1	2	0	0
Kornet	1	1	0	0	0	0
Morgan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team	**116**	**254**	**49**	**113**	**43**	**57**

STATS	WARRIORS	CELTICS
Points per game	105.0	108.0
Rebounds per game	37.3	43.0
Assists per game	23.7	28.3
Steals per game	10.0	6.3
Blocked shots	4.3	6.7
Turnovers	14.3	14.7
Field goal pct.	45.2	45.7
3-point FG pct.	40.2	43.4
Free throw pct.	76.0	75.4

through Game 3

PLAYOFF TEAM LEADERS

TM	G	FG%	TRB	AST	PTS
Golden State	19	.487	43.6	27.6	113.0
Memphis	12	.435	45.8	25.2	112.5
Denver	5	.476	41.8	25.0	110.0
New Orleans	6	.462	45.7	21.3	109.8
Minnesota	6	.443	40.0	22.8	109.2
Brooklyn	4	.503	34.0	22.3	109.0
Phoenix	13	.497	40.2	25.7	107.6
Boston	21	.454	42.9	24.8	107.2
Dallas	18	.449	36.5	19.2	106.3
Philadelphia	12	.465	39.0	21.8	104.5
Miami	18	.445	41.1	21.9	104.2
Toronto	6	.446	37.5	20.7	103.2
Milwaukee	12	.438	50.4	20.8	102.8
Utah	6	.443	44.8	17.2	99.0
Atlanta	5	.440	39.4	18.6	97.4
Chicago	5	.404	44.0	23.0	95.2
League Avg	**11**	**.457**	**41.9**	**22.9**	**106.6**

SCORING	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Doncic, DAL	15	160	104	475	31.7
Anttknmpo, MIL	12	140	91	380	31.7
Jokic, DEN	5	61	28	155	31.0
Butler, MIA	17	166	111	466	27.4
Morant, MEM	9	81	65	244	27.1
Ingram, NO	6	56	39	162	27.0
Curry, GS	19	169	93	509	26.8
Durant, BKN	4	32	34	105	26.3
Tatum, BOS	21	177	131	552	26.3
Mitchell, UTA	6	53	37	153	25.5
Edwards, MIN	6	50	28	151	25.2
Embiid, PHI	10	78	73	236	23.6
Booker, PHO	10	79	47	233	23.3
Brown, BOS	21	171	86	481	22.9
Siakam, TOR	6	51	31	137	22.8

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	10	4	.714	—
Chicago	8	4	.667	1
Washington	8	5	.615	1½
Atlanta	7	5	.583	2
New York	5	8	.385	4½
Indiana	3	12	.200	7½
WEST	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Las Vegas	10	2	.833	—
Dallas	6	5	.545	3½
Seattle	6	5	.545	3½
Los Angeles	5	7	.417	5
Phoenix	3	8	.273	6½
Minnesota	3	9	.250	7

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
New York 97, Indiana 83
Chicago 83, Connecticut 79
Seattle at Dallas, late
Washington at Minnesota, late
Atlanta at Phoenix, late.

SATURDAY'S GAME
Las Vegas at Los Angeles, 9p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Chicago at New York, 2p.m.
Seattle at Dallas, 4p.m.
Phoenix at Washington, 6p.m.
Indiana at Minnesota, 7p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Phoenix at Washington, 7p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 9p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
No games scheduled.

NHL

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

CONFERENCE FINALS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Rangers 2
June 1: N.Y. Rangers 6-2.
June 3: N.Y. Rangers 3-2.
June 5: Tampa Bay 3-2.
June 7: Tampa Bay 4-1.
June 9: Tampa Bay 3-1.
Saturday: at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
x-Tuesday: at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Colorado 4, Edmonton 0
May 31: Colorado 8-6.
June 2: Colorado 4-0.
June 4: Colorado 4-2.
June 6: at Edmonton 6-5 (OT).

USFL

All games in Birmingham, Ala.

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
x-New Jersey	7	1	0	.875	181	136
x-Philadelphia	5	3	0	.625	222	201
Michigan	1	7	0	.125	155	190
Pittsburgh	1	7	0	.125	110	193
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
x-Birmingham	8	0	0	1.000	198	134
New Orleans	5	3	0	.625	176	138
Tampa Bay	4	4	0	.500	138	157
Houston	1	7	0	.125	159	190

x-clinched playoff spot

WEEK 9
SATURDAY'S GAMES
New Jersey vs. Michigan, 1p.m.
Houston vs. Birmingham, 6p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Tampa Bay vs. New Orleans, 4p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Pittsburgh, 7:30p.m.

WEEK 10
SATURDAY, JUNE 18
Philadelphia vs. New Jersey, noon
Birmingham vs. Tampa Bay, 4p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19
Michigan vs. Pittsburgh, noon
New Orleans vs. Houston, 4p.m.

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE
SATURDAY, JUNE 25
Tom Benson HOF Stadium, Canton, Ohio
No: New Jersey vs. Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
So: Birmingham vs. TBD, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 3
USFL Championship
Tom Benson HOF Stadium, Canton, Ohio
North champ vs. South champ, 7:30pm

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES
MANUFACTURERS STANDINGS

RK	MAKE	PTS	PB	W
1	Chevrolet	542	—	7
2	Toyota	521	-21	4
3	Ford	506	-36	4

DRIVER POINT STANDINGS

DRIVER	W	T5	T10	PTS
Chase Elliott	1	3	9	507
Kyle Busch	1	6	11	498
Ross Chastain	2	7	9	490
Ryan Blaney	0	5	7	479
Martin Truex, Jr.	0	2	7	470
Joey Logano	2	5	7	467
Kyle Larson	1	6	8	444
Alex Bowman	1	3	9	439
William Byron	2	4	4	438
Christopher Bell	0	4	9	434
Aric Almirola	0	2	5	385
Tyler Reddick	0	4	6	379
Kevin Harvick	0	3	7	377
Chase Briscoe	1	3	4	362
Erik Jones	0	1	5	353
Austin Dillon	0	3	6	350
Kurt Busch	1	4	6	333
Austin Cindric	1	1	2	330
Denny Hamlin	2	3	3	319
Daniel Suarez	0	2	4	319
Michael McDowell	0	0	5	293
Bubba Wallace	0	1	2	283
Justin Haley	0	1	1	278
Chris Buescher	0	0	3	275
Ricky Stenhouse, Jr.	0	1	5	272
Ty Dillon	0	0	1	256
Cole Custer	0	0	0	246
Harrison Burton	0	0	0	223
Todd Gilliland	0	0	0	221
Brad Keselowski	0	0	1	200
Corey LaJoie	0	1	1	182
Cody Ware	0	0	0	133
B.J. McLeod	0	0	0	104
David Ragan	0	0	1	61
Greg Biffle	0	0	0	24
Jacques Villeneuve	0	0	0	15
Boris Said	0	0	0	11
Joey Hand	0	0	0	2

NASCAR CUP FASTEST LAPS
Points standing positions, percentage and total fastest laps:

DRIVER	POS.	PCT.	LAPS
1. Ross Chastain	3	7.5	259
2. Kyle Busch	2	7	243
3. Chase Elliott	1	6.2	215
4. William Byron	9	5.6	195
5. Ryan Blaney	4	5.5	192
6. Martin Truex Jr	5	5.4	187
7. Kyle Larson	7	5	174
8. Tyler Reddick	12	4.8	167
9. Chase Briscoe	14	4.4	154
10. Christopher Bell	10	4.2	146

LAPS LED

DRIVER	EV	LAPS	LED
William Byron	15	3829	570
Chase Elliott	15	4010	445
Ross Chastain	15	3899	426
Ryan Blaney	15	3849	385
Kyle Busch	15	3960	345
Tyler Reddick	15	3938	249
Kyle Larson	15	3862	247
Chase Briscoe	15	3968	216
Joey Logano	15	4125	173
Denny Hamlin	15	3759	173
Martin Truex, Jr.	15	4115	172

ODDS

MLB		SATURDAY	
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
FAVORITE	**LINE**	**UNDERDOG**	**Line**
at St. Louis	-142	Cincinnati	+120
Milwaukee	-158	at Wash.	+134
at Philadelphia	-220	Arizona	+184
G1: at San Diego	-245	Colorado	+200
at Atlanta	-240	Pittsburgh	+198
LA Dodgers	-154	at San Fran.	+130
G2: at San Diego	-210	Colorado	+176
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
at Minnesota	-120	Tampa Bay	+102
at Chi Wh. Sox	-156	Texas	+132
Baltimore	Off	at Kansas City	Off
Toronto	-245	at Detroit	+200
Oakland	-120	at Cleveland	+102
at Seattle	-130	Boston	+110
INTERLEAGUE			
at Houston	-158	Miami	+134
at NY Yankees	-260	Chicago Cubs	+215
NY Mets	-120	at LA Angels	+102

NHL PLAYOFFS		SATURDAY	
FAVORITE	**LINE**	**UNDERDOG**	**Line**
at Tampa Bay	-184	NY Rangers	+152

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HORSE RACING

THE 154TH BELMONT STAKES
Saturday's race 11 at Belmont Park; Elmont, N.Y. Purse $1,500,000. For Three Year Olds. POST TIME: 6:44 p.m. The purse to be divided $800,000 to the winner, $280,000 to second, $150,000 to third, $100,000 to fourth, $60,000 to fifth, $45,000 to sixth, $35,000 to seventh and $30,000 to eighth. Colts and Geldings, 126 Lbs.; Fillies, 121 Lbs. The winning owner will be presented with the August Belmont Memorial Cup to be retained for one year as well as a trophy for permanent possessionand trophies to the winning trainer and jockey.1 1/2 Miles.

PP	HORSE	2022	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ODDS
1	We the People	4-3-0-0	Flavien Prat	Rodolphe Brisset	2-1
2	Skippylongstocking	5-1-0-1	Mamie; Franco	Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.	20-1
3	Nest (F)	3-2-1-0	Jose L. Ortiz	Todd A Pletcher	8-1
4	Rich Strike	4-1-0-2	Sonny Leon	Eirc R. Reed	7-2
5	Creative Minister	4-2-1-1	Brian J Hernandez, Jr.	Kenneth G McPeek	6-1
6	Mo Donegal	3-1-0-1	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	Todd A Pletcher	5-2
7	Golden Glider	5-1-1-0	Dylan Davis	Mark E Casse	20-1
8	Barber Road	5-0-3-1	Joel Rosario	John Alexnder Ortiz	10-1

Owners: 1 - WinStar Farm LLC, Flay, Bobby, CMNWLTH and Siena Farm LLC ; 2 - Alonso, Daniel ; 3 - Repole Stable, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and House, Michael ; 4 - RED TR-Racing, LLC ; 5 - Fern Circle Stables, Back Racing, LLC and Magdalena Racing (Sherri McPeek) ; 6 - Donegal Racing and Repole Stable ; 7 - Barber, Gary, Conrad, Manfred and Conrad, Penny ; 8 - WSS Racing, LLC
Breeders: 1 - Henley Farms Inc.; 2 - Brushy Hill, LLC; 3 - Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables; 4 - Calumet Farm; 5 - Dell Ridge Farm, LLC; 6 - Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables; 7 - Nursery Place & Dicken Equine; 8 - Susan Forrester & Judy Curry

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
New York City FC	8	3	2	26	25	10
Philadelphia	6	1	7	25	19	10
CF Montréal	7	5	2	23	28	26
New York	6	3	5	23	24	15
Orlando City	6	5	3	21	17	20
Cincinnati	6	7	1	19	21	25
Inter Miami CF	5	6	3	18	15	22
Charlotte FC	5	8	1	16	13	18
Columbus	4	5	4	16	17	16
Atlanta	4	5	4	16	20	20
New England	4	5	4	16	22	23
Toronto FC	4	7	3	15	21	27
D.C. United	4	7	2	14	17	23
Chicago	2	7	5	11	13	20
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
Los Angeles FC	9	3	2	29	29	16
FC Dallas	7	3	4	25	24	13
Real Salt Lake	7	4	4	25	18	19
Austin FC	7	4	3	24	28	18
LA Galaxy	7	5	2	23	17	15
Nashville	6	4	4	22	18	16
Houston	5	6	3	18	17	17
Minnesota United	5	6	3	18	15	15
Colorado	5	6	3	18	16	17
Vancouver	5	7	2	17	16	24
Seattle	5	6	1	16	15	16
Portland	3	6	6	15	21	25
San Jose	3	6	5	14	25	32
Sporting KC	3	8	4	13	13	26

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
N.Y. Red Bulls at Charlotte FC, 3p.m.
San Jose at Nashville, 6p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCH
New England at Sporting KC, 3p.m.

TUESDAY'S MATCH
Vancouver at Seattle, 10:30p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH
Orlando City at New England, 7:30p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18
Los Angeles FC at Seattle, 3p.m.
Portland at LA Galaxy, 5p.m.
Toronto FC at N.Y. Red Bulls, 7p.m.
Charlotte FC at Columbus, 7:30p.m.
Austin FC at CF Montréal, 7:30p.m.
Houston at Orlando City, 7:30p.m.
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.
D.C. United at Chicago, 8p.m.
Vancouver at FC Dallas, 9p.m.
San Jose at Real Salt Lake, 9:30p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19
Miami at Atlanta, 3p.m.
Colorado at New York City FC, 5p.m.
Sporting KC at Nashville, 6p.m.
Minnesota at New England, 8p.m.

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
San Diego FC	4	2	2	14	12	7
Houston	3	1	3	12	11	3
Chicago	3	1	3	12	11	8
Portland	2	1	4	10	11	7
Angel City FC	3	3	1	10	4	6
Gotham FC	3	2	0	9	5	5
OL Reign	2	2	3	9	5	5
Washington	1	2	5	8	6	7
Louisville	2	3	2	8	6	9
Orlando	2	3	2	8	9	17
Kansas City	1	4	2	5	5	11
North Carolina	1	3	1	4	6	6

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
North Carolina at Washington, 7p.m.
Angel City FC at Louisville, 8p.m.
Gotham FC at Kansas City, 8:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
OL Reign at San Diego Wave FC, 5p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 6p.m.
Portland at Houston, 7p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17
Louisville at Washington, 7:30p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18
Chicago at Kansas City, 8:30p.m.
Angel City FC at OL Reign, 10p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19
Orlando at Portland, 3p.m.
San Diego FC at Gotham FC, 4p.m.
Houston at North Carolina, 5p.m.

U.S. MEN'S SCHEDULE (4-2-2)
q-Jan. 27: U.S. 1, El Salvador 0
q-Jan. 30: Canada 2, U.S. 0
q-Feb. 2: U.S. 3, Honduras 0
q-March 24: U.S. 0, Mexico 0
q-March 27: U.S. 5, Panama 1
1-March 30: Costa Rica 2, U.S. 0
June 1: U.S. 3, Morocco 0
June 5: U.S. 0, Uruguay 0
n-Friday: vs. Grenada, late
n-June 14: vs. El Salvador, 10 p.m.
w-Nov. 21: TBA, 2 p.m.
w-Nov. 25: vs. England, 2 p.m.
w-Nov. 29: vs. Iran, 2 p.m.
n-March 23, 2023: vs. Grenada, TBA
n-March 26, 20203: vs. El Savador, TBA
n-Nationas Cup
q-CONCACAF World Cup qualifying
w-FIFA World Cup, Qatar

U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE
s-Feb. 17: U.S. 0, Czech Republic 0
s-Feb. 20: U.S. 5, New Zealand 0
s-Feb. 23: U.S. 5, Iclenad 0
April 9: U.S. 9, Uzbekistan 1
April 12: U.S. 9, Uzbekistan 0
June 25: vs. Colombia, at Dick's Sporting Goods Park , Commerce City, Colo., 7:30 p.m.
June 28: vs. Colombia, at Rio Tinto Stadium, Sandy, Utah, 10 p.m.
v-July 4: vs. Haiti, 7 p.m.
v-July 7: vs. Jamaica, 7 p.m.
v-July 11: at Mexico, 10 p.m.
s-Shebelieves Cup
v-CONCACAF W Championship

TENNIS

ATP BOSS MERCEDES CUP
At Tennis Club Weissenhof, Stuttgart, Germany, grass-outdoors

MEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
Andy Murray, d.
#1Stefanos Tsitsipas (1), 7-6(4), 6-3.
#2Matteo Berrettini d.
#6Lorenzo Sonego, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Oscar Otte d.
Benjamin Bonzi, walkover.

LIBEMA OPEN
At Autotron Rosmalen, Den Bosch, Netherlands, outdoors-grass

MEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
#1Daniil Medvedev d.
Ilya Ivashka, 7-6(8), 6-4.
#2Felix Auger-Aliassime d.
#5Karen Khachanov, 7-6(5), 6-4.
Tim van Rijthoven d.
Hugo Gaston, 7-6(2), 6-4.
Adrian Mannarino d.
Brandon Nakashima 6-7(5), 6-1, 6-4.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
#1Aryna Sabalenka d.
Alison van Uytvanck, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6(5).
#6Veronika Kudermetova d.
#2Belinda Bencic, 6-4, 6-2.
#7Ekaterina Alexandrova d.
Caty McNally, 6-0, 6-1.
Shelby Rogers d.
Kirsten Flipkens, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

ROTHESAY OPEN NOTTINGHAM
At Nottingham Tennis Centre, Nottingham, Great Britain; outdoors-grass

WOMEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
#7Beatriz Haddad Maia d.
#1Maria Sakkari, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.
Tereza Martincova d.
#4Zhang Shuai, 6-3, 6-2.
#6Alison Riske d.
Harriet Dart, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.
Viktorija Golubic d.
#5Ajla Tomljanovic, 6-2, 7-6(6).

INTERNACIONAL DE VALENCIA
At Club de Tenis Sporting Club de Tenis Valencia, Valencia, Spain; outdoors-grass

WOMEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
#1Nuria Parrizas Diaz d.
Julia Grabher, 7-5, 6-2.
#3Zheng Qinwen d.
Reka Luca Jani, 7-6(4), 6-0.
Mirjam Bjorklund d.
#4Arantxa Rus, 3-6, 7-6(4), 6-2.
Wang Xiyu d.
Viktoriya Tomova, 2-6, 6-2, 7-6(5).

GOLF

PGA RBC CANADIAN OPEN
2nd of 4 rounds, St. George's G&CC, Toronto, 7,014 yards; Par: 70

Wyndham Clark	63-70—133	-7
Matt Fitzpatrick	64-70—134	-6
Jim Knous	67-67—134	-6
Rory McIlroy	66-68—134	-6
Keith Mitchell	67-67—134	-6
Alex Smalley	67-67—134	-6
Austin Cook	71-64—135	-5
Sam Burns	67-69—136	-4
Doug Ghim	65-71—136	-4
Lee Hodges	66-70—136	-4
Charley Hoffman	68-68—136	-4
Shane Lowry	67-69—136	-4
Patrick Rodgers	67-69—136	-4
Scottie Scheffler	69-67—136	-4
Matt Wallace	70-66—136	-4
Tony Finau	66-71—137	-3
Danny Lee	68-69—137	-3
Adam Long	70-67—137	-3
Ben Martin	71-66—137	-3
Harold Varner III	65-72—137	-3
Ryan Armour	72-66—138	-2
Aaron Cockerill	70-68—138	-2
John Huh	69-69—138	-2
Chris Kirk	69-69—138	-2
Kelly Kraft	69-69—138	-2
Justin Lower	70-68—138	-2
Ryan Moore	69-69—138	-2
Brandt Snedeker	68-70—138	-2
Vaughn Taylor	68-70—138	-2
Nick Taylor	70-68—138	-2
Justin Thomas	69-69—138	-2
Brendon Todd	69-69—138	-2
Paul Barjon	72-67—139	-1
Ben Crane	72-67—139	-1
Adam Hadwin	69-70—139	-1
Hank Lebioda	69-70—139	-1
Sebastian Munoz	69-70—139	-1
Seung-Yul Noh	69-70—139	-1
Cameron Percy	71-68—139	-1
Aaron Rai	69-70—139	-1
Justin Rose	69-70—139	-1
Chase Seiffert	69-70—139	-1
Robert Streb	69-70—139	-1
Danny Willett	71-68—139	-1

LIV GOLF LONDON EVENT
2nd of 3 rounds, Centurian Club, St. Albans, England, 7,047; Par: 70
a-amateur
TEAM LEADERBOARD

Stinger GC	-15	Torque GC	+1
Crushers GC	-8	Punch GC	+1
Majesticks GC	-6	Cleeks GC	+2
4 Aces GC	-4	Fireballs GC	+2
High Flyers	-1	Iron Heads GC	+6
Smash GC	-1	Niblicks GC	+10

INDIVIDUAL LEADERBOARD

Charl Schwartzel, Stinger	65-66—131	-9
Hennie Du Plessis, Stinger	66-68—134	-6
Peter Uihlein, Crushers	70-66—136	-4
Oliver Bekker, 4Aces	70-67—137	-3
Dustin Johnson, 4Aces	69-70—139	-1
Sam Horsfield, Majesticks	69-70—139	-1
Scott Vincent, Smash	67-72—138	-1
P. Khongwatmai, Crushers	67-72—139	-3
Ryosuke Kinoshita, Punch	73-67—140	E
Branden Grace, Stinger	68-72—140	E
Adrian Otaegui, Tourque	70-70—140	E
Louis Oosthuizen, Stinger	72-69—141	+1
Talor Gooch, Torque	71-70—141	+1
Sergio Garcia, Fireballs	71-70—141	+1
Pablo Larrazabal, Gleeks	72-69—141	+1
Ian Poulter, Majesticks	75-66—141	+1
Justin Harding, Hy Flyers	68-74—142	+2
a-R. Chantananuwat, Hy Flyer	73-69—142	+2
Ian Snyman, Cleeks	71-71—142	+2
Chase Koepka, Hy Flyers	70-72—142	+2
Jinichiro Kozuma, Smash	73-70—143	+3
Laurie Canter, Majesticks	69-74—143	+3
J.C. Ritchie, Gleeks	73-70—143	+3
Jediah Morgan, Fireballs	73-70—143	+3
Wade Ormsby, Punch	71-72—143	+3
Kevin Na, Iron Heads	73-71—144	+4
Matthew Jones, Punch	74-70—144	+4
Phil Mickelson, Hy Flyers	69-75—144	+4
Martin Kaymer, Gleeks	74-70—144	+4
Travis Smyth, Crushers	75-69—144	+4
James Piot, Fireballs	71-73—144	+4
Shaun Norris, 4Aces	73-72—145	+5
Graeme McDowell, Niblicks	74-71—145	+5
Viraj Madappa, Iron Heads	71-74—145	+5
Kevin Yuan, 4Aces	73-72—145	+5
Lee Westwood, Majesticks	75-71—146	+6

LPGA SHOPRITE CLASSIC
1st of 3 rounds, At Bay Course, Galloway, N.J., 6.190 yards, Par 71

Stephanie Kyriacou	33-32—65	-6
Frida Kinhult	33-33—66	-5
Marina Alex	35-32—67	-4
Dottie Ardina	34-33—67	-4
Brooke Henderson	35-32—67	-4
Jin Young Ko	34-33—67	-4
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	36-32—68	-3
Meaghan Francella	36-32—68	-3
Lauren Hartlage	35-33—68	-3
Nasa Hataoka	37-31—68	-3
Cristie Kerr	39-29—68	-3
Jeong Eun Lee5	35-33—68	-3
Jeongeun Lee6	36-32—68	-3
Pernilla Lindberg	37-31—68	-3
Caroline Masson	36-32—68	-3
Morgane Metraux	35-33—68	-3
Sung Hyun Park	35-33—68	-3
Rachel Rohanna Virgili	33-35—68	-3
Lindsey Weaver-Wright	34-34—68	-3
Hye Jin Choi	38-31—69	-2
Lauren Coughlin	35-34—69	-2
Maria Fassi	37-32—69	-2
Ayaka Furue	36-33—69	-2
Kristen Gillman	36-33—69	-2
Caroline Inglis	36-33—69	-2
Janie Jackson	36-33—69	-2
Brittany Lang	39-30—69	-2
Brittany Lincicome	34-35—69	-2
Ruixin Liu	36-33—69	-2
Yu Liu	35-34—69	-2
Su-Hyun Oh	36-33—69	-2
Jenny Shin	35-34—69	-2
Emma Talley	35-34—69	-2

PGA TOUR AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
1st of 3rounds, University Ridge GC, Madison, Wis., 7,083yards, Par 72

Steve Flesch	33-32—65	-7
Miguel Angel Jimenez	34-32—66	-6
Colin Montgomerie	32-34—66	-6
Paul Goydos	33-35—68	-4
Tim Herron	33-35—68	-4
Jerry Kelly	35-33—68	-4
Tom Pernice	35-33—68	-4
Esteban Toledo	37-31—68	-4
Kirk Triplett	35-33—68	-4
Billy Andrade	36-33—69	-3
Paul Broadhurst	34-35—69	-3
Ken Duke	33-36—69	-3
Thongchai Jaidee	35-34—69	-3
Robert Karlsson	34-35—69	-3
Rob Labritz	33-36—69	-3
Jeff Maggert	36-33—69	-3
John Senden	34-35—69	-3
Doug Barron	34-36—70	-2
Shane Bertsch	35-35—70	-2
David Branshaw	35-35—70	-2
Olin Browne	36-34—70	-2
Joe Durant	35-35—70	-2
Matt Gogel	36-34—70	-2
Fran Quinn	35-35—70	-2
Paul Stankowski	34-36—70	-2
Duffy Waldorf	35-35—70	-2
Willie Wood	35-35—70	-2
Stephen Ames	35-36—71	-1
Alex Cejka	37-34—71	-1
John Daly	35-36—71	-1
Marco Dawson	35-36—71	-1
David Duval	35-36—71	-1
Harrison Frazar	36-35—71	-1
Lee Janzen	35-36—71	-1
Skip Kendall	36-35—71	-1
Shaun Micheel	37-34—71	-1
Larry Mize	34-37—71	-1
Wes Short	33-38—71	-1
Vijay Singh	35-36—71	-1
Steve Stricker	34-37—71	-1
Ken Tanigawa	34-37—71	-1
Scott Verplank	35-36—71	-1

VOLVO CAR SCANDINAVIAN MIXED
2nd of 4 rounds, Halmstad Golf Club, Tylosand, Sweden, 7,001 yards, Par 72

132 (-12)	
Jason Scrivener	68-64
134 (-10)	
Linn Grant	66-68
Mike Lorenzo-Vera	68-66
Carolina Melgrati	65-69
135 (-9)	
Daniel Gavins	68-67
Craig Howie	65-70
136 (-8)	
Kristoffer Broberg	66-70
Nacho Elvira	68-68
Jazz Janewattananond	66-70
Henrik Stenson	70-66
Santiago Tarrio	65-71
137 (-7)	
Virginia Elena Carta	68-69
Sebastian Garcia Rodriguez	68-69
Lydia Hall	71-66
Maximilian Kieffer	71-66
Niklas Norgaard Moller	67-70
Marc Warren	69-68



Celtics' Jaylen Brown dunks the ball against the Warriors during the second quarter of Game 3 on Wednesday in Boston. **MICHAEL DWYER/AP**

NBA FINALS

Deep impact: Brown shines

By Kyle Hightower
Associated Press

There was a time when the narrative surrounding Jaylen Brown was that he was a redundant player on a Celtics team shaping its identity around budding superstar Jayson Tatum.

Though he was a recent All-Star on a team packed with young, homegrown talent, Brown was considered by outsiders to be a potential trade chip the Celtics could use to adjust a roster that didn't get past the conference finals in his first five seasons.

Cries to jettison the third overall pick of the 2016 draft only grew louder after a tepid 18-21 start to this season under new coach Ime Udoka that had veteran Marcus Smart calling out the Celtics' young stars. Six months and a run to the NBA Finals later, Mr. Expendable is suddenly Mr. Indispensable as the Celtics pursue their 18th championship.

"It's hard for me to reflect on moments when I'm in the heart of the storm," Brown said. "But everything, all the adversity, all the ups and downs and negative things, indirectly and directly, has helped build me to where I'm at."

Brown is averaging a team-best 22.7 points and 7.3 rebounds through the first three games of the Finals. He delivered probably his best performance of the playoffs — 27 points, nine rebounds and five assists — as the Celtics beat the Warriors 116-100 in Game 3 to take a 2-1 series lead. Game 4 was not completed by press time.

His 17-point first quarter set the tone for the Celtics' attack, but Udoka said Brown's game has evolved on both ends.

"The versatility he gives us on the defensive end, is what it is. I think that goes trickle-down with Marcus and our bigs as well as our big wings," Udoka said. "We're asking (for) more communication, more recognition, and he is one of the guys that's improved throughout the season as far as that."

While Brown has been locked in during the playoffs, Tatum said he and Brown knew there were questions about whether they could coexist after the team's slow start. He said they've figured out how to meld their their skillsets and personalities.

"I think all of those things helped, from saying that we need to split the group up, get rid of somebody or me and JB can't play together," Tatum said after the Celtics beat the Heat to win the Eastern Conference title. "That fueled us to figure it out and not run from it. ... That we trust in each other and we had to be better."

Under the tutelage of Udoka and his staff, both players have learned to play off their teammates more.

Tatum has steered away from his past tendencies of relying on isolation and jump shots.

Instead, he's using the double teams he draws to shuffle the ball to Brown and others to share the scoring load.

Brown, too, has morphed his game. Against the Warriors in particular, he's been slashing inside, finding mismatches and picking his spots against the Warriors' small lineups.

On Jan. 31, at the start of Boston's late-season turnaround, Brown tweeted, "The energy is about to shift."

Given his recent performance, his words are looking less cryptic and more prophetic.

IN BRIEF

DeChambeau signs on with Saudi golf series

News services

Former U.S. Open champion Bryson DeChambeau became the latest big name to sign on with the Saudi-funded breakaway LIV Golf series, confirming Friday he will play upcoming events in the United States.

It is an about-turn by DeChambeau, who had previously said he would continue playing on the PGA Tour. That may not be possible now, as the PGA Tour announced Thursday that players who defect to the renegade series will face banishment from future tour events.

DeChambeau will be joining a series that already features Dustin Johnson and Phil Mickelson, who are contesting the first LIV Golf event outside London this week. DeChambeau's signing was announced as the second round was taking place at Centurion Club, where golfers spent much of the pre-tournament news conferences answering questions about Saudi Arabia's human rights record.

The 28th-ranked American could make his LIV Golf debut June 30.

■ Wyndham Clark closed with an unlikely par save Friday to take a one-stroke lead over defending champion Rory McIlroy and four other players into the weekend in the RBC Canadian Open.

NFL: Commanders defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio has been fined $100,000 by the team for his comments about protests in the wake of the police killing of George Floyd and the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. Coach Ron Rivera announced the fine in a statement after meeting with Del Rio. Del Rio later apologized for calling the deadly riot "a dust-up at the Capitol."

NHL: The Sabres acquired goalie Ben Bishop in a trade with the Stars in a salary cap-related paperwork move involving a veteran who is not expected to play again because of degenerative right knee injury. The Sabres add the final year of Bishop's contract to boost their payroll closer to the NHL's $60 million minimum.

MOTORING



"Have your car checked by an ASC-certified technician, Blue Seal shop or at a dealership," advised car care expert Pam Oakes. **FORD MOTOR CO. PHOTOS**

Taking a summer road trip?

Prepare your car, and mind, to ensure a safe, fun vacation

By Casey Williams
Tribune News Service

As a Boy Scout, I was taught to "Be Prepared." Whether you are hiking over a mountain or preparing for a family vacation, the advice is sound. The best way to make sure your much-anticipated road trip does not become the trip from — well, somewhere not pleasant — is to take time to prepare.

Preparing your car

"Have your car checked by an ASC-certified technician, Blue Seal shop or at a dealership," advised car care expert Pam Oakes, owner of Pam's Motor City in Fort Meyers, Florida. "We think we can do it ourselves, but the money is well-spent. You don't want to find out halfway through your trip that your car has problems because you didn't take precautions beforehand."

If you decide to practice medicine without a shop, here are some things that Oakes, Consumer Reports, and AAA recommend:

Tires: Inspect all, including the spare if equipped, to make sure they are not worn or damaged and are properly inflated. Check the tires when cold and use pressures placed in the driver's door jamb. Do not rely on ratings molded into the tire. As a take on the old penny trick, place a quarter into the tire tread with Washington's head facing you and down. If the area above his head is visible, replace tires. A blow-out is no amusement ride.

Fluids: Check the coolant, oil and transmission fluid levels. Read the owner's manual for location and how to determine "normal" levels. While you're under the hood, fill up the windshield washer reservoir. Your car will be working hard in the heat of summer. Low coolant levels can cause overheating and leave you stranded. If the oil is excessively dirty, change it, but oil can be added if it is low. Check the owner's manual for type.

Brakes: Consumer Reports recommends that if you detect vibrations, grinding or pulling to one side when applying the brakes, take the car to a service center and have them checked.

Batteries: The normal life for a battery is three to five years. Almost any auto center can check its charging capability. Also, disconnect the cables and thoroughly clean the terminals. Reattach them securely.



"Summer is peak travel season and travelers should plan their trip in advance, including booking hotels and scheduling activities," said Molly Hart of AAA.

Belts/hoses: With the car off, inspect belts and hoses for cracks, blisters, soft spots and wear. Pay special attention to the big serpentine belt that runs through pulleys on the front of the engine and hoses going into the radiator. Either of those breaking will spell big trouble.

Wipers and spray cans: Replace those windshield wiper blades that have been smearing rain. Driving on the interstate is misery enough without being blinded by rain. Many new cars do not have spare tires and instead rely on "fix-a-flat" cans to seal punctures. Grab a new can while purchasing blades.

If your car has not been driven in a while, as is common with sports cars and RVs after winter months, take it out on a highway. Feel the steering for any unusual vibrations and pay attention to noises and shuddering from the brakes. These could be indications of impending issues. Your car may have a clean bill of health, but it's still prudent to anticipate emergencies.

Prepare for emergencies

Thoughtful planning before leaving will save frustration. Start with the basics and buy a basic emergency kit with flashlight, flares and jumper cables. Get a first aid kit also. Even if you plan to use your phone or vehicle's navigation system to stay on-course, take paper maps and print turn-by-turn instructions as backups.

"The emergency kit is key," said Molly Hart, AAA Public Relations. "The kit should include a cellphone charger, car battery booster cables, flashlight and extra batteries. Also have first-aid supplies, drinking water, nonperishable snacks for people and pets, blankets, and emergency flares or reflectors. A rain poncho, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, basic tool kit, duct tape and paper towels are also important."

You don't have to spend much money on these basics. Duct tape is helpful if a hose pops off. New LED road flares are compact to store and bright on the road should you need them. An extra bottle of windshield wiper fluid is essential in poor weather.

And what if you do become stranded?

"If a driver becomes stranded, they should pull away from traffic lanes and stay in the vehicle and keep seat belts on as they wait for roadside assistance," Hart advised. "The car can provide shelter, allowing emergency responders or a tow truck operator to best locate you. If your car is too close to the road where another car could come in contact with it, safely get out of the car and locate a safe surrounding away from the road."

En route, make safety the first priority and use your seat belts and child car seats as appropriate. Do not let your fuel level go below one-quarter tank to maintain a safe reserve. I like to pack a supply of snacks, games and music, as an iPod can break boredom when you're stuck in your car. Kids (and parents) may also like video players in the back. Keep drinks cold with a small cooler. It will save money and keep everyone hydrated.

Prepare your mind

"Summer is peak travel season and travelers should plan their trip in advance, including booking hotels and scheduling activities," Hart said. "If traveling to a remote area, it's also a good idea to plan for gas and food stops. Plan ahead and leave early."

AAA provides these additional reminders to keep you from becoming a statistic this summer:

- Looking away from the road for just two seconds doubles the risk of a crash.
- Five seconds of reading an email or text is like driving across a football field while blindfolded.
- Mental distractions last longer than you think and can cause a dangerous crash or fatality.
- Mental distraction can last up to 27 seconds after dialing, texting or changing the radio station.

Get out on the roads, drive safely and enjoy summer. By following these expert tips, you'll be prepared for a great adventure you'll remember for years to come.

Paying extra for premium gas? You should probably stop

By Russ Mitchell
Los Angeles Times

You love your car. You want to treat it well. You certainly don't want to do anything that would damage it. That's why you've been filling it with premium gasoline all these years. But with prices up above $7 a gallon in some places, you've started to wonder: Does my car really need the good stuff? Can I just switch to regular? Or should I compromise and buy midgrade?

Answers: Probably no, probably yes and almost definitely not.

Confused? Don't worry, you're in good company.

Many years of research at the American Automobile Association's Los Angeles fuels laboratory has shown that if your car requires premium, you should keep using premium and suck up the cost. But thanks to a mix of clever marketing and quirky consumer psychology, some 16.5 million U.S. drivers fill their cars with premium when regular would work just as well, according to AAA.

Think you might be one of them? Check your owner's manual, advises Doug Shupe, program manager at the Automobile Club of Southern California and the AAA. And pay close attention to the language. "Unless your vehicle manufacturer says premium is required — not recommended, but required — we've found no advantage to using premium fuel," Shupe said.

If it says "recommended," you can ignore the recommendation and pocket the 30 to 50 cents per gallon you'd be saving. Spending more doesn't buy any benefit in horsepower, fuel economy or emissions, Shupe said.

The AAA lab didn't test the pluses or minuses of midgrade fuel. That could be because there aren't many benefits to speak of, except for gas industry profit margins. (The exception is older cars with engine knock, which can potentially benefit from midgrade gas.) The middle choice is an artifact from the days when unleaded began showing up as an alternative to gas with lead. Gas stations needed three pumps to sell leaded regular, unleaded regular and unleaded premium. After leaded gas was phased out beginning in the 1990s, midgrade was a way to make use of the third pump.



The price is displayed for premium gasoline May 28 at a Shell station in Colorado. **DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP**



The 2022 Volvo XC40 Recharge bears signature Volvo design touches. **HENRY PAYNE**

AUTO REVIEW

Out on the town with stylish, masked-up Volvo Recharge

By Henry Payne
The Detroit News

DETROIT — One of my favorite SUV personalities is the Volvo XC40. Cleverly designed inside and out, unique looks, Android operating system, legroom, storage aplenty.

And now it has a pair of electric 2022 Recharge siblings. Though it's gonna be tough to beat the 355-mile-range gas model. On a wintry April day in Detroit, I had to make a trip with my son, future daughter-in-law and wife to Charlevoix, in northern Michigan, to check out a wedding venue. With its good rear legroom and clever amenities, I was eager to show the XC40 Recharge off to the clan — but with only 223 miles of electric range, Recharge would complicate our estimated 560-mile round trip.

So I took a good ol' diesel Cadillac Escalade instead. Range: 440 miles. One five-minute fill-up, no worries.

The lesson? Buy the XC40 Recharge if you have a gas ute in the garage for long trips. Then use Recharge as your daily commuter, as most EV owners do.

Recharge boasts familiar Swedish XC40 styling cues with squared-off bod, floating back roof, boomerang tail-lamps, Thor's-hammer headlights and Volvo badge 'n' stripe logo on the grille.

2022 Volvo XC40 and C40 Recharge

Vehicle type: Battery-electric, all-wheel-drive, five-passenger SUV
Price: $52,795 base, $60,540 C40 Recharge Twin Ultimate (as tested)
Powerplant: 75-kWh lithium-ion battery driving twin electric motors
Power: 402 horsepower, 486 pound-feet of torque
Performance: 0-60 mph, 4.3 seconds (XC40 Recharge)
Fuel economy: 223-mile range

Well, where the grille used to be. With no need for air to feed a gas engine behind, the grille wears a face-covering over its mouth. Brands are still struggling with how to present their EV faces.

The Recharges are quick. Our pals at Car and Driver recorded a hearty 4.3-second 0-60 dash. I shot out of a Detroit stoplight in the XC40 Recharge ahead of an unsuspecting Mustang.

Just don't overdo it into the next 90-degree corner. Despite the battery anchored low in their bellies, the Recharges have little interest in pulling side-Gs.

Where Recharge really earns its love is inside. The interior is familiar Volvo, not sci-fi Polestar, but it shares the same Android operating system with a screen as intuitive to operate as my phone. The instrument screen is a digital beauty and the adaptive cruise control quite competent. The standard panoramic roof overhead is easy to operate — just swipe your finger along a pad in the direction you want it opened/closed.

Clever storage is everywhere — most impressively in the "fishbox" as the Swedes like to call it. That's removable trash bin to us Yanks. It's useful for storing trash you don't want to be sticking in door pockets. Remove and empty when it fills. Why doesn't every car have one?

For Volvo fans, XC40 and C40 Recharge will have some clear benefits. In addition to those clever features, the twin electric motors make for a silky-smooth driving experience. And Recharge offers an EV favorite feature: regenerative braking so you can one-pedal drive around town. It's a tough market out there for EV adoption, but it helps having an outgoing Volvo Recharge personality.

What's wrong with my key?



Bob Weber
Motormouth



Smart keys require smart solutions. **DREAMSTIME**

Q: I own a 2014 Toyota Camry XLS equipped with a smart key starting system. I occasionally couldn't start the car. My private mechanic as well as a Toyota service manager suggested changing the battery in the remote control. This seemed to work for a few days. They suggested holding the remote key fob next to the ignition switch on the dash. This seems to work. Just last week the remote wouldn't open the doors or turn on the interior lights. I had to use the spare key to open the door to enter the vehicle. The Toyota service manager suggested I bring the car in, and it might take a day for a mechanic to solve the problem. I don't want to pay a lot of money for someone to fix what I might be able to replace or fix for less money.
— M.L., Aurora, Illinois
A: Try another, fresh new 2032 (the most popular) battery. Your previous replacement may be bad. Price on the street is about six bucks.

Q: In a recent column, you say that the intake valves on direct injection engines only see fresh air. Isn't it true that the PCV system is piped into the intake manifold? Incidentally, I own a 2017 Honda CR-V with the 2.4L engine, no turbo. I bring this up only to point out that there are lots of videos online promoting the use of oil catch cans to prevent an excessive amount of contaminants from reaching the intake valves through the system.
— J.H., Palatine, Illinois
A: OK. The air isn't pristine as it passes the intake valves. But I didn't want my answer to go too deep on a technical tangent about the valves' propensity to crud up due to positive crankcase ventilation, or PCV.

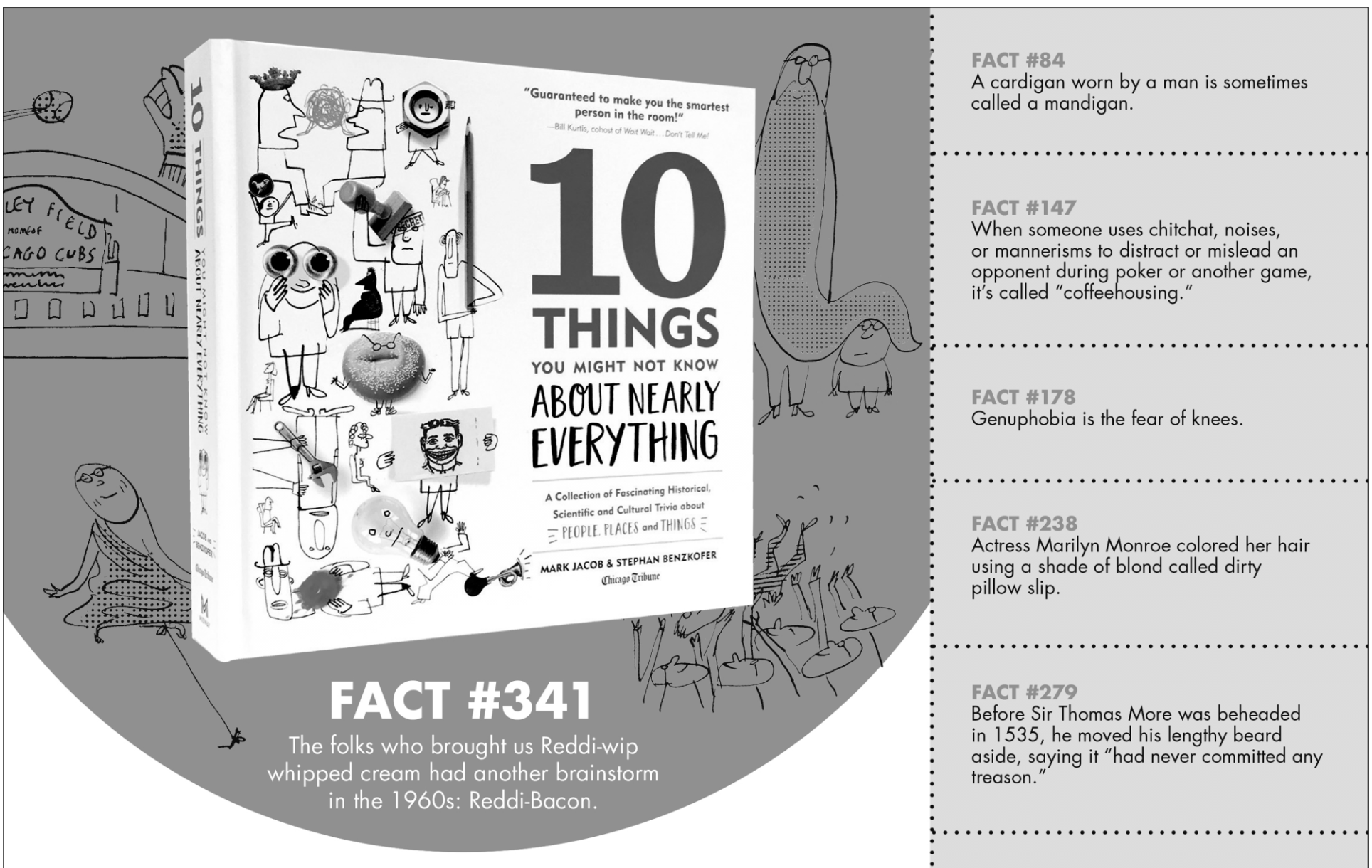
Yes, it does happen, and the stuff is not easy to remove. Cleaning the valves often requires you to yank the cylinder head if walnut shell blasting doesn't clean the valves.

Sadly, neither a gasoline additive such as Techron nor Top Tier gasoline will prevent intake valve buildup on direct injection engines. Don't get me started on such esoteric topics again any time soon.

Q: I have a 2016 Subaru Forester. I'm getting older and sometimes don't turn my turn signals off (don't/can't hear it) after changing lanes. Changing lanes doesn't activate the automatic shut off for the signal like a full turn does. Do they make a replacement turn signal device (relay) that has a louder clicking sound?
— P.N., Sioux Falls, South Dakota
A: I am not aware of an aftermarket turn signal amplifier. But try this: Press lightly on the turn signal handle, not hard enough to pass the tactile pop. The signals will flash until you release the handle. Most new cars come with a short duration blink that provides three pulses if you tap the handle and immediately let go. Don't forget to check the blinking arrows on your dash.

Q: My employee was just in the truck with the A/C running and I told him it's wasting gas. He told me that if you don't put your foot on the pedal, you are not really using the gas. I wanted to know if that is true. If you are just in parking lot and don't use the A/C, are you using less gas?
— S.C., Davie, Florida
A: Any time the engine is running, you are using gas, no matter whether you are using the A/C or not. But running the A/C as well as any accessory — even the heater — you are using more.

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FACT #341
The folks who brought us Reddi-wip whipped cream had another brainstorm in the 1960s: Reddi-Bacon.



10 Things You Might Not Know About Nearly Everything contains a plethora of tidbits and trivia that will appeal to everyone, from history buffs to sports fans to foodies. From lighthearted topics such as misspellings and extreme eating, to serious subjects such as WWII and prison, this book leaves readers brighter and wittier than ever before.

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FACT #84
A cardigan worn by a man is sometimes called a mandigan.

FACT #147
When someone uses chitchat, noises, or mannerisms to distract or mislead an opponent during poker or another game, it's called "coffeehousing."

FACT #178
Genuphobia is the fear of knees.

FACT #238
Actress Marilyn Monroe colored her hair using a shade of blond called dirty pillow slip.

FACT #279
Before Sir Thomas More was beheaded in 1535, he moved his lengthy beard aside, saying it "had never committed any treason."

FACT #302
Tweety Bird, the animated Looney Tunes character, was originally pink. But censors complained that Tweety looked naked, so animators gave the bird yellow feathers.

FACT #408
Joe Charbonneau, a Belvedere, Ill., native, who played outfield for the Cleveland Indians in the early '80s , used to open beer bottles with his eye socket and drink beer through a straw in his nose.

FACT #459
When actor Clint Eastwood ran for mayor of Carmel, California, in 1986, a major issue was ice cream. Town leaders had banned the sale of ice cream cones, incensing Eastwood and his supporters. They won and overturned the ordinance.

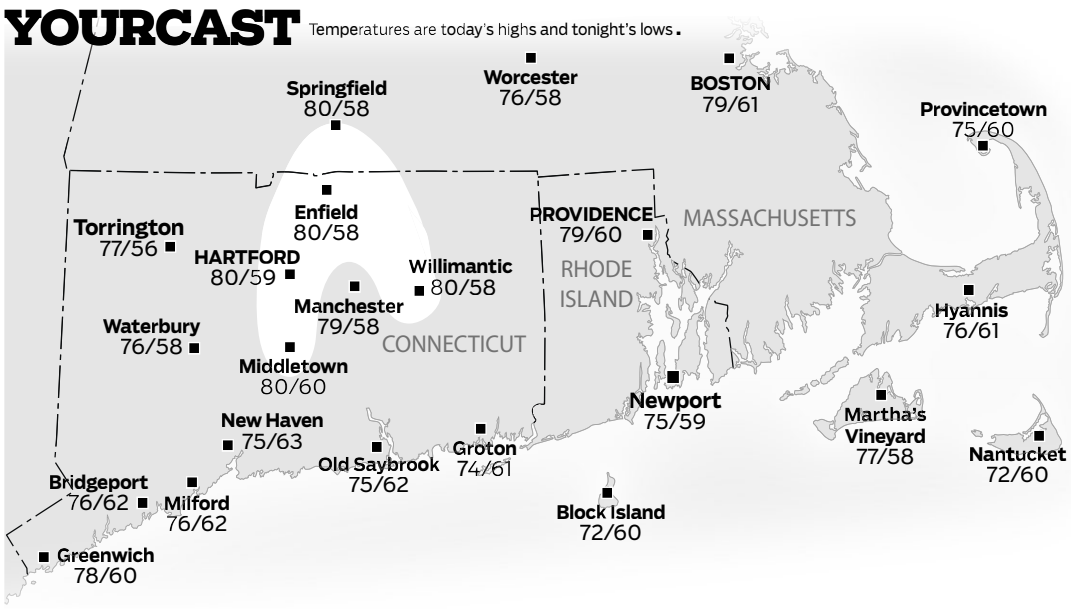
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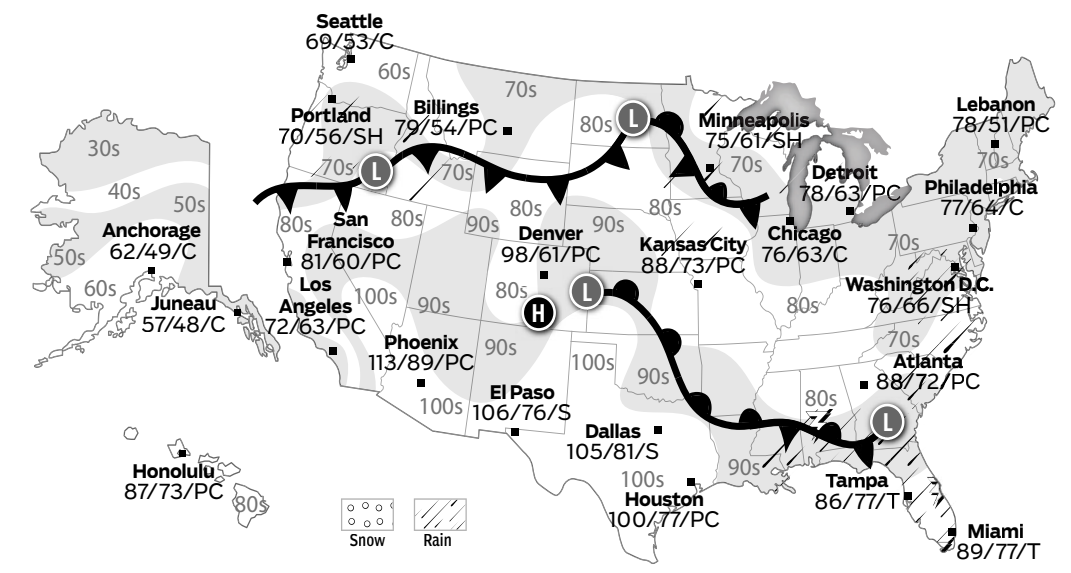
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SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET
Mixed clouds and sunshine. West wind turning south at 5 to 10 mph.	Variable cloudiness, chance for afternoon showers.	Mixed clouds and sunshine, chance for a few showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly sunny and warm.	Partly sunny and warm.
HIGH 80° LOW 59°	HIGH 74° LOW 64°	HIGH 83° LOW 59°	HIGH 83° LOW 59°	HIGH 82° LOW 60°

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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.





OUTLOOK

High pressure will bring a mixture of clouds and sunshine on Saturday with high temperatures in the 70s to near 80 degrees. The shoreline should be the coolest area in the state with the morning west wind turning to the south in the afternoon around 5 mph, but if the west wind lasts longer than expected then the shore could climb into the upper 70s like inland areas. A warm front will cause some showers to develop on Sunday. The most likely time looks to be Sunday afternoon and Sunday night. A couple thunderstorms are also going to be possible.

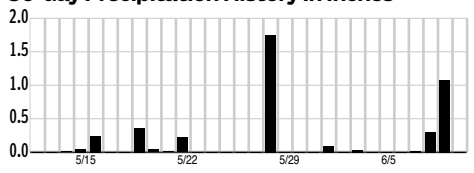
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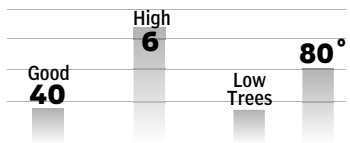
Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00	0.14
Month to date	1.52	1.49
Total this year	19.10	19.38

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Air Quality Forecast For Today



Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	7:17 a.m. 7:37 p.m.	1:33 a.m. 1:27 p.m.	64°
Saybrook Jetty	8:28 a.m. 8:48 p.m.	2:26 a.m. 2:20 p.m.	65°
Connecticut River at Portland	11:11 a.m. 11:31 p.m.	6:12 a.m. 6:06 p.m.	
Madison	8:47 a.m. 9:03 p.m.	2:35 a.m. 2:44 p.m.	69°
New Haven	9:07 a.m. 9:23 p.m.	2:59 a.m. 3:08 p.m.	71°
Stamford	9:11 a.m. 9:27 p.m.	3:13 a.m. 3:212 p.m.	64°

River Stage at Hartford: 3.42 feet at 5:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
	PCloudy	PCloudy	PCloudy
Wind	NE/S, 5	NW/S, 5	W/S, 5
Seas	1 ft.	1-2 ft.	2-3 ft.

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:16 a.m.	5:15 a.m.
Sunset	8:25 p.m.	8:25 p.m.
Moonrise	5:18 p.m.	6:38 p.m.
Moonset	3:04 a.m.	3:34 a.m.

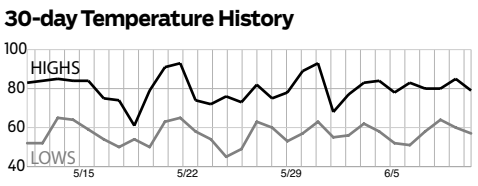
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Full June 14 · Last June 20 · New June 28 · First July 6

Temperature	High	Low
Friday	79 at 3:59 p.m	57 at 4:46 a.m
Normal for date	78	56
Record for date	98 in 2008	38 in 1957
A year ago	82	58
Range this year	93	-2

Cooling Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For Jan 1 - June 10	137	80	125

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	29.80 at 8 a.m.	29.74 at 2 a.m.
Dew point	53° at 9 a.m.	45° at 6 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND																	
Bangor	75	53	PC	Baltimore	74	62	SH	Nashville	88	69	PC	San Juan	90	79	SH	Budapest	79	59	PC
Burlington	77	57	PC	Bismarck	82	58	PC	New Orleans	90	74	T	Tucson	108	78	S	Buenos Aires	55	39	S
Caribou	76	53	PC	Boise	80	58	C	New York	78	64	C	**WORLD**				Cairo	108	75	S
Concord	79	51	PC	Buffalo	75	60	PC	Okla. City	97	75	S					Cancun	87	78	S
Montpelier	73	51	PC	Charleston	90	74	PC	Omaha	90	70	PC	Amsterdam	70	54	S	Dubai	99	86	PC
Mt. Wash.	49	41	PC	Cincinnati	78	66	C	Orlando	90	73	T	Athens	77	64	T	Dublin	63	46	SH
Portland	76	55	PC	Cleveland	78	64	PC	Pittsburgh	77	61	PC	Bangkok	95	81	T	Edinburgh	62	51	SH
Woods Hole	76	58	PC	Indianapolis	77	66	C	Raleigh	85	68	C	Barbados	86	76	PC	Helsinki	75	54	PC
NATION				Jacksonville	90	73	T	St. Louis	88	75	C	Beijing	82	66	SH	Hong Kong	84	81	SH
Albany	78	57	PC	Las Vegas	111	86	S	Salt Lake City	97	66	PC	Beirut	85	74	PC	Istanbul	82	66	PC
Albuquerque	97	67	PC	Miami Beach	86	78	T	San Antonio	104	77	S	Berlin	79	55	PC	Jerusalem	95	70	S
Atlantic City	77	63	C	Milwaukee	74	55	SH	San Diego	72	65	PC	Bermuda	81	74	PC	Johannesburg	61	36	S

Kingston	86	77	C	Stockholm	70	53	PC
Lisbon	95	66	PC	Sydney	61	45	PC
London	72	55	PC	Tel Aviv	89	70	S
Madrid	97	68	S	Tokyo	77	63	C
Mexico City	97	75	S	Toronto	73	57	T
Milan	88	66	C	Vancouver	68	54	PC
Montreal	73	57	SH	Warsaw	73	55	S
Moscow	77	57	R				
Nassau	88	77	T				
New Delhi	108	88	T				
Paris	79	55	C				
Prague	79	55	PC				
Rio de Janeiro	70	59	R				
Rome	91	66	C				
Seoul	88	63	C				
Singapore	91	75	T				

KEY: **S** Sunny, **C** Cloudy, **PC** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **SH** Showers, **SN** Snow, **SF** Snow Flurries, **T** T-storms

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HORSE RACING BELMONT STAKES

Derby winner Rich Strike faces another stiff test

By Associated Press

NEW YORK — After so many things went right for Rich Strike to win the Kentucky Derby, he'll likely need even more good fortune at the Belmont Stakes with so much stacked against him.

Rich Strike won't go off at odds of more than 80-1 this time, but even after bypassing the Preakness to run in the final leg of the Triple Crown, he's not expected to be the horse to beat in the field of eight. That distinction belongs to 2-1 morning line favorite We the People, a newcomer to the Triple Crown trail who could set the pace in the 1½-mile race and thrive if it rains in New York on Saturday.

If it's a wet track similar to We the People's romp to victory in the Peter Pan Stakes at Belmont Park last month, trainer Mark Casse doesn't like anyone else's chances.

"We're all going to be running for second, even the Derby winner," said Casse, who's set to saddle Golden Glider in the Belmont. Golden Glider finished a distant second to We the People in the Peter Pan on May 14.

Rich Strike ran past 19 other horses in shocking fashion on May 7 to become the second biggest long shot to win the Derby. Even that took myriad factors to happen: sharp training at Churchill Downs the week before, the withdrawal of Ethereal Road to get into the field, a hot pace, the perfect trip and the kind of acceleration he had never shown before in a race.

"Is that his lifetime best? I don't know," retired jockey Jerry Bailey said. "History will only tell us that. But I think he's going to have to run better than that, actually, to win."

That's in part because horses don't typically run as fast early in the longer Belmont, which is known as the "test of a champion." The 154th edition of the race is particularly shaping up for a plodding pace with We the People looking like the only speed horse going up against Rich Strike and six other closers on a big, sandy track that doesn't tend to favor late charges.

"The mile and a half is just an entirely different race," said Casse, who won the Belmont three years ago with Sir Winston. "You don't want to be too far away."

The onus for that is on jockeys, and most notable Rich Strike's Sonny Leon, whose navigation through traffic at the Derby will go down as one of the best rides in the history of the sport.

"We never expected to get the trip we got because to pass 19 horses is asking an awful lot," trainer Eric Reed said this week. "Hats off to him. That's one of the best rides ever."

But Leon has never ridden at Belmont Park before and is not scheduled for a mount on the main, dirt track before getting aboard Rich Strike in the $1.5 million Belmont Stakes.



Rich Strike walks off the track after training before the 154th running of the Belmont Stakes horse race Thursday in Elmont, New York. **JOHN MINCHILLO/AP**

Belmont Stakes

Post time: Saturday, 6:49 p.m.
TV: NBC; streaming on Peacock

Having seen Calvin Borel at the top of his game in 2009 misjudge when to make his move with Derby winner Mine That Bird and other jockeys make costly mistakes in this race, Bailey believes it's a big task for Leon to undertake.

"He's got a lot to think about," said Bailey, who is now an NBC Sports analyst. "The Belmont's different because you can actually affect the trip you get. In the Derby, they just outran him, so he just played the hand that was dealt to him. He can pretty much be in control of his own hand if he chooses to be because he's not going to be nearly as far back, so he's going to have to decide where he wants his horse early in the race and then when it comes time to move, when he actually moves, based upon how fast — or in this case maybe how slow they've been going."

It looks to be a slow go. Among the others in the race, including Derby horses Mo Donegal and Barber Road, two back from the Preakness in Creative Minister and Skippylongstocking and filly Nest, there's a lack of early speed.

That appears to set up perfectly for We the People to go wire to wire if jockey Flavien Prat can control the race.

"Flavien Prat, does he slow the pace down as much as he can and then try and have so much left at the end they'll never catch him?" Bailey said. "Does he try and spread the race out somewhere in the middle and get a cushion? A lot of it is going to depend on how Flavien decides to run the race."

FRIDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

CIAC State Tournaments
Class **L**—Championship at Palmer Field, Middletown
WINDSOR 3, MALONEY 1

SOFTBALL

Class **LL**—Championship at DeLuca Field, Stratford
BRISTOL CENTRAL VS. SOUTHINGTON, LATE

BOYS TENNIS

CIAC State Individual Tournament
Singles—Championship at Wesleyan University, Middletown
PETRO KUZMENOK, FAIRFIELD WARDE DEF. TIGHE BRUNETTI, STAPLES, 6-4, 6-2
Doubles—Championship at Wesleyan University, Middletown
LUKE BRODSKY/ALEX GUADARRAMA, STAPLES DEF. ANDERS HANSEN/WILL DONNELLY, DARIEN, 6-4, 0-6, 6-2

GIRLS TENNIS

Singles—Championship at Wesleyan University, Middletown
LAUREN ZHANG, DARIEN DEF. KILEY PICKENS, AMITY, 6-2, 6-0
Doubles—Championship at Wesleyan University, Middletown
GABBY PRICE, ELLIE PRICE, FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE DEF. GRACE ALTHOFF/AVA DE CASTRO, DARIEN, 6-2, 6-3

SATURDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

CIAC State Tournaments
Class **LL**—Championship at Palmer Field, Middletown
No. 4Southington (21-3) vs. No. 3Fairfield Warde, noon
Class **M**—Championship at Palmer Field, Middletown
No. 7Woodland (19-5) vs. No. 4Barlow (21-3), 7p.m.
Class **S**—Championship at Palmer Field, Middletown
No. 3Somers (20-4) vs. No. 1St. Paul (25-1), 3:30p.m.

SOFTBALL

Class **L**—Championship at DeLuca Field, Stratford
No. 7Waterford (20-4) vs. No. 1Masuk (22-1), 6p.m.
Class **M**—Championship at DeLuca Field, Stratford
No. 6Oxford (21-3) vs. No. 1Woodland (23-0), noon
Class **S**—Championship at DeLuca Field, Stratford
No. 15North Branford (17-7) vs. No. 1Cromwell (21-2), 3p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

CIAC State Tournaments
Class **L**—Championship at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield
No. 3New Canaan (17-2) vs. No. 1Darien (18-0), 2p.m.
Class **M**—Championship at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield
No. 15St. Joseph (13-7) vs. No. 1Guilford (18-1), noon
Class **S**—Championship at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield
No. 14Lauralton Hall (12-8) vs. No. 4New Fairfield (15-3), 10a.m.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

New England Championships (Willow Brook Park, New Britain), 10a.m.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

New England Championships (Willow Brook Park, New Britain), 10a.m.

BOYS GOLF

CIAC State Open (Black Hall Club, Old Lyme), 1p.m.

GIRLS GOLF

CIAC State Open (Black Hall Club, Old Lyme), 1p.m.

SUNDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

BOYS LACROSSE

CIAC State Tournaments
Class **L**—Championship at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield
No. 2Staples (17-2) vs. No. 1Darien (17-1), 3p.m.
Class **M**—Championship at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield
No. 10Notre Dame-West Haven (14-5) vs. No. 4Wilton (16-3), 12:30p.m.
Class **S**—Championship at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield
No. 7Northwest Catholic (15-4) vs. No. 5Weston (15-4), 10 a.m.

SATURDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

NCAA Div. I **Tourney**—Super Regionals (best-of-3)
Game 1
UConn at Stanford, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

NCAA Div. I **Tourney**—Super Regionals (best-of-3)
Game 2
UConn at Stanford, 7p.m.

MONDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

NCAA Div. I **Tourney**—Super Regionals (best-of-3)
Game 3(if necessary)
UConn at Stanford, time TBD

EASTERN LEAGUE

Standings

Northeast	W	L	PCT	GB
Hartford	35	19	.648	—
Somerset	34	19	.642	0.5
New Hamp.	25	28	.472	9.5
Portland	24	30	.444	11
Reading	23	31	.426	12
Binghamton	20	33	.377	14.5
Southwest	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**
Richmond	31	23	.574	—
Akron	30	24	.556	1
Erie	30	24	.556	1
Altoona	26	28	.481	5
Harrisburg	23	31	.426	8
Bowie	21	32	.396	9.5

THURSDAY'S LATE RESULTS

HARTFORD 5, PORTLAND 3
HARRISBURG 6, BOWIE 4
SOMERSET 4, AKRON 3
RICHMOND 6, ERIE 3
NEW HAMPSHIRE 9, BINGHAMTON 5
READING 1, ALTOONA 0

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

HARTFORD AT PORTLAND, LATE
ERIE AT RICHMOND, LATE
ALTOONA AT READING, LATE
BOWIE AT HARRISBURG, LATE
AKRON AT SOMERSET, LATE
NEW HAMPSHIRE AT BINGHAMTON, LATE

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Hartford at Portland, 6p.m.
Bowie at Harrisburg, 6p.m.
Erie at Richmond, 6p.m.
New Hampshire at Binghamton, 6:30p.m.
Altoona at Reading, 6:45p.m.
Akron at Somerset, 7p.m.

WNBA

Standings

Eastern	W	L	PCT	GB
Connecticut	10	4	.714	—
Chicago	8	4	.667	1
Washington	8	5	.615	1.5
Atlanta	7	5	.583	2
New York	5	8	.385	4.5
Indiana	3	12	.200	7.5
Western	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**
Las Vegas	10	2	.833	—
Dallas	6	5	.545	3.5
Seattle	6	5	.545	3.5
Los Angeles	5	7	.417	5
Phoenix	3	8	.273	6.5
Minnesota	3	9	.250	7

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

NEW YORK 97, INDIANA 83
CHICAGO 83, CONNECTICUT 79
SEATTLE AT DALLAS, LATE
WASHINGTON AT MINNESOTA, LATE
ATLANTA AT PHOENIX, LATE

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Las Vegas at Los Angeles, 9p.m.
Local amateur baseball
AMERICAN LEGION

THURSDAY'S LATE RESULT

Zone 3
ELLINGTON 6, ENFIELD 1

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Zone 3
EHM 6, TRI-COUNTY 0
SOUTH WINDSOR AT WINDSOR LOCKS/WINDSOR, LATE

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A sweet lift



A homemade raspberry jam balances the salty layers of this mellow breakfast sandwich. ANDREW PURCELL/ THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS

Homemade raspberry jam makes this comforting breakfast sandwich impossible to resist

By Genevieve Ko
The New York Times

There's a thin red line weaving through the egg sandwich at All Day Baby, a restaurant in Los Angeles, and it's at least one reason crowds come for brunch. That alluring condiment? It's strawberry jam, which runs down the shiny slide of American cheese melted over scrambled eggs on a fluffy biscuit. The optional sausage patty or bacon (or both) are just that: optional. The berry-red jam is what makes the dish — and it's a sandwich you'll definitely want to cook a version of at home.

The inspiration behind the All Day Baby breakfast sandwich comes partly from chef and co-owner Jonathan Whitener's extended family in the Carolinas, but primarily from his Southern California upbringing. When he was a child, he asked for packets of strawberry jam at McDonald's when ordering an egg and sausage biscuit, and discovered how much he liked the sweetness between the salty layers. It became a teenage ritual.

When he was opening All Day Baby, Whitener, 35, returned to that fast-food hack as he chased diner nostalgia for his menu. He charged the restaurant's pastry director, Thessa Diadem, with recreating it.

She had no distinct memories of biscuits — certainly not before she moved to California from the Philippines at age 13. But she knew they were the key to the towering sandwich Whitener envisioned.

The jam she created was easy and obvious. "If you think of a biscuit sandwich, it's such a savory, fatty, heavy thing, and adding a little lightness, something fruity and sweet, just balances the whole thing," she said.

What she needed to work on was a base that was sturdy enough to hold hefty fillings without falling apart, but one that still maintained a buttery tenderness. After hundreds of test batches, Diadem landed on perfection.

"Not having a point of reference for what it should be, Thessa wasn't so attached to the tradition of making it the way it should be made," Whitener said. "That made her biscuits better." Because the biscuits are a signature menu item, Whitener and Diadem declined to share her formula.

But it wasn't meant for home kitchens anyway. Diadem noted that her recipe was created for the restaurant and evolved with demand — from two-dozen biscuits at the start to hundreds now on any given weekend — and that the ideal biscuit depends on the circumstances.

For the home cook who needs to bake only a few, drop biscuits are the way to go. They don't require cutting dough (or cleaning the counter afterward), but they do develop crackly shells and tender centers similar to Diadem's rolled rounds. I use milk instead of buttermilk in mine for a sweeter biscuit. Then, once they're baked, I introduce a little tartness by slathering them with raspberry jam. Store-bought works just fine, but my fresh version comes together in a skillet in under 10 minutes and tastes especially good when cured pork is slipped into the sandwich. Strawberry jam delivers a more straightforward sweetness that's always welcome.

Whichever spread you choose, you'll want to use American cheese, as Diadem does. It melts in the soft-stretch way that only a processed cheese product can and complements the sandwich's sweet elements with its creamy saltiness. Whether or not you have any nostalgia for a biscuit breakfast sandwich, you'll feel some connection to this playful, comforting dish.

"I grew up eating Kraft singles. They have that nostalgia effect," Diadem said. "I'm taking a lot of things that remind you of something and then turning them into their own thing. I love the fun of it."

BISCUIT BREAKFAST SANDWICH

Makes: 4 sandwiches
Total time: 45 minutes
For the drop biscuits:
6 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut into cubes, plus more for greasing the pan
1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon fine salt
⅔ cup cold whole milk
For the fillings:
6 large eggs
Salt and pepper
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
4 slices American cheese
Quick Raspberry Jam (see recipe below)
or store-bought raspberry or strawberry jam, for spreading
Cooked bacon, breakfast sausage patties or ham (optional)

1. Make the biscuits: Position a rack in the center of the oven and heat the oven to 425 degrees. Butter a small baking sheet. (Keep the cubed butter cold.)

2. Whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt in a large bowl. Add the cold butter and toss to coat, then cut the butter into the flour using a pastry cutter or rub and pinch it in with your fingers until the mixture resembles coarse sand with no bits larger than the size of gravel.

3. Add the milk all at once and quickly stir with a fork until the dough comes together in a shaggy mass. Use the fork to scoop and drop 4 even mounds of dough onto the prepared sheet, spacing apart. Gently pat the tops and sides to form round pucks; it's OK if the tops are a little craggy.

4. Bake until golden brown, 20 to 23 minutes. Let cool on the pan on a rack while preparing the fillings.

5. Make the fillings: Beat the eggs in a medium bowl until well mixed but not frothy. Season very generously with salt and pepper and beat again. Heat a medium nonstick or well-seasoned cast-iron skillet over medium until hot, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the butter, turn the heat to low and swirl the butter to evenly coat the bottom of the pan. When the butter has melted about halfway, add the eggs all at once. Cook, stirring gently, until mostly set but still a little wet, 1 to 2 minutes, then spread in an even layer.

6. Once the bottom and edges are fully set, turn off the heat and cut the egg pancake in quarters using the spatula. Set a slice of cheese over each quarter. Slice each of the biscuits in half and spread jam on both halves. If you want bacon, sausage or ham, place them over the bottom halves. Slide the cheesy egg quarters over the bottom halves (or meat) and fold over any corners that stick out. Sandwich with the top halves and serve warm.

QUICK RASPBERRY JAM

Makes: About ⅔ cup
Total time: 10 minutes
1 (6-ounce) container of raspberries (1 ½ cups)
⅓ cup sugar
½ teaspoon fresh lemon juice

1. Combine the raspberries, sugar and lemon juice in a large skillet. Set over medium heat and stir until the sugar dissolves and starts to boil, 1 to 2 minutes.

2. Reduce the heat to medium-low and cook, stirring often and gently smashing the berries, until the liquid thickens to the consistency of syrup, 4 to 5 minutes. Skim off and discard any pale pink foam on the surface. Remove from the heat.

3. Cool until warm or room temperature to use immediately or transfer to a jar and refrigerate until ready to use. The jam can be refrigerated for up to 1 week.



Reverse-searing allows thick cuts of steak to cook to an even doneness and develop a charred crust. **ANDREW PURCELL/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Grilled to perfection

Reverse-searing method rewards you with a juicy steak always cooked to an even doneness, complete with a charred crust

By Steven Raichlen
The New York Times

The quest to cook the perfect steak has been a challenge since slabs of meat were roasted over fire. But what constitutes a great steak?

It should take you through a complex strata of textures and flavors: dark crust, rosy meat, tenderness balanced by chew. You want a steak you can sink your teeth into. There should be a perfect ratio of meat to fat — and there should be blood. Without those luscious steak juices, a steak would be merely delicatessen roast beef.

Tri-tip delivers all of that. A cut popularized in Santa Maria, California, and the surrounding area, this crescent-shaped steak from the bottom of the sirloin slices like brisket and eats like steak, with a rich, beefy flavor. But like all thick cuts, it poses a challenge: Grill it directly over high heat as you would a strip or skirt steak and you risk burning the exterior while leaving the center undercooked. Cook it low and slow, as you would brisket, and you lose the caramelized crust.

Enter reverse-searing, an ingenious grilling method that combines the low and slow smoking of traditional barbecue with the high heat charring practiced at steakhouses. It takes the guesswork out of grilling steak, rewarding you with a juicy, perfectly cooked slab of beef every time.

With this simple two-step process, you first cook the steak slowly — for 30 minutes or so — at 250 degrees, the temperature used by pitmasters to barbecue brisket. Once you've warmed the center of the meat to 110 degrees, you rest the steak on a platter and raise the grill's heat to a searing temperature of 600 degrees. You then char the exterior of the steak directly over the fire until sizzling, crusty and dark brown, bringing the meat's internal temperature to 125 degrees (for rare) or 135 degrees (for medium-rare).

Reverse-searing offers several advantages over traditional direct grilling over high heat, in which steak goes from undercooked to overcooked in a minute or two, requiring precise timing that inexperienced grillers may find daunting. During the initial stage of reverse-searing, the internal temperature of the meat rises gradually, so it's easier to monitor and achieve the doneness you desire. Also, the meat cooks more evenly this way, ending up with uniform color and doneness from top to bottom, not a gray-brown ring of meat just beneath the crust and a reddish-blue bull's-eye in the center.

Because the meat rests between the two stages, which allows it to relax and become juicier, the steak can be served hot off the grill right after its final sear. That means no more lukewarm steak and not having to keep hungry people waiting. Perhaps the biggest advantage to reverse-searing is the ability to smoke the steak by adding hardwood chunks or chips to your low fire. That step infuses thick cuts with the haunting flavor of barbecue and adds a spectacular dimension of flavor.

HOW TO SET UP YOUR GRILL FOR REVERSE-SEARING

Reverse-searing can be done on a charcoal or gas grill, but it's easier to smoke with charcoal. The method requires little more in the way of special equipment than a grill with a lid and an accurate meat thermometer.

Ideally, you'll use a wired remote thermometer, like ThermoWorks Smoke X2 or ChefsTemp Quad XPro, or a wireless meat probe, such as the ones made by Meater or Maverick. You can also use an instant-read meat thermometer, but you'll need to open the grill several times to get a reading, which can cause the internal temperature of the grill to drop.

To give the meat a smoky flavor, you'll need hardwood chunks or chips. Oak, hickory or mesquite go great with beef. If using chips, cover them with water and soak for 30 minutes, which slows their combustion when heated. Drain the chips well before adding them to the fire. There is no need to soak wood chunks.

When reverse-searing, you start with your grill set up for indirect grilling — that is, with the heat source away from where the food will cook.

On a charcoal grill, rake hot coals into two mounds on opposite sides of the grill and leave the center empty for the meat. On a two-burner gas grill, light one side and cook the steak away from the heat on the other side. On larger gas grills, light the outside or front and rear burners, keeping the center free for the steak.

After indirect grilling, and just before serving, set up your grill for cooking directly over high heat. On a charcoal grill, rake the coals into a mound in the center of the grill, adding fresh coals as needed. Let the new coals burn until glowing red. On a gas grill, simply set the burners on high.

REVERSE-SEARED STEAK

Makes: 4 servings
Total time: 45 to 55 minutes, plus lighting the grill
1 large or 2 small wood chunks (such as oak, hickory or mesquite) or 1 ½ cups wood chips
Canola oil, for greasing the grill grate
1 tri-tip steak (about 2 to 2 ¼ pounds; see note)
Coarse kosher or sea salt
Freshly ground black pepper
Granulated onion or garlic (or both)
1. If using wood chips, soak in water for 30 minutes. Set up your grill for indirect grilling and heat to 250 degrees. Clean and oil the grill grate.
2. Remove the tri-tip from the refrigerator. Generously season it with salt, pepper and granulated onion or garlic (or both) on all sides.
3. Place the tri-tip, fat-side up, on the grill grate away from the heat. Insert a remote thermometer probe, if using, deep into the center of the meat. If you soaked wood chips, drain them. If using a charcoal grill, add the wood chunk(s) or chips to the coals. If using a gas grill, place the wood chunks under the grate over one of the burners, or place the chips in your grill's smoker box. Close the lid. Indirect grill the tri-tip to obtain an internal temperature of 110 degrees, which will take 30 minutes or so. Transfer the tri-tip to a platter and let it rest for at least 10 minutes, or as long as 1 hour.
4. Just before serving, heat your grill to high. On a charcoal grill, rake the coals into a mound in the center of the grill, adding fresh coals as needed. Let the new coals burn until glowing red. On a gas grill, simply set the burners on high.
5. Return the tri-tip to the grate directly over the heat, fat-side up, and reinsert the thermometer probe, if using. Direct grill until the top and bottom are sizzling, crusty and dark, and the internal temperature is 125 degrees for rare or 135 degrees for medium-rare, 3 to 6 minutes per side, turning with tongs.
6. Transfer the tri-tip to a cutting board and thinly slice across the grain. (You do not need to rest the meat a second time.) Take time to notice the even color and doneness of the meat and to appreciate the intoxicating aroma of the wood smoke. Serve at once, while the steak is still hot.
Note: Tri-tip, the triangular or boomerang-shaped steak cut from the tip of the sirloin, is also sold as Newport, Santa Maria, triangle and bottom sirloin tip. This technique also works with any thick steak, such as top round, sirloin or picanha or three-finger-thick porterhouses and tomahawks.

Strawberry season means it's time for a fresh salad

By Gretchen McKay
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

One of the first true delights to turn up at farmers markets this time of year are local strawberries. Boy, they're terrific out of hand — just try getting a quart container of them home without snacking on a handful — but they also can add a sweet, juicy touch to any number of desserts and appetizers, such as salsa and crostini.

Full of good-for-you antioxidants, the bright-red berry works a particular magic in a salad, especially when paired with another favorite spring market find: spinach.

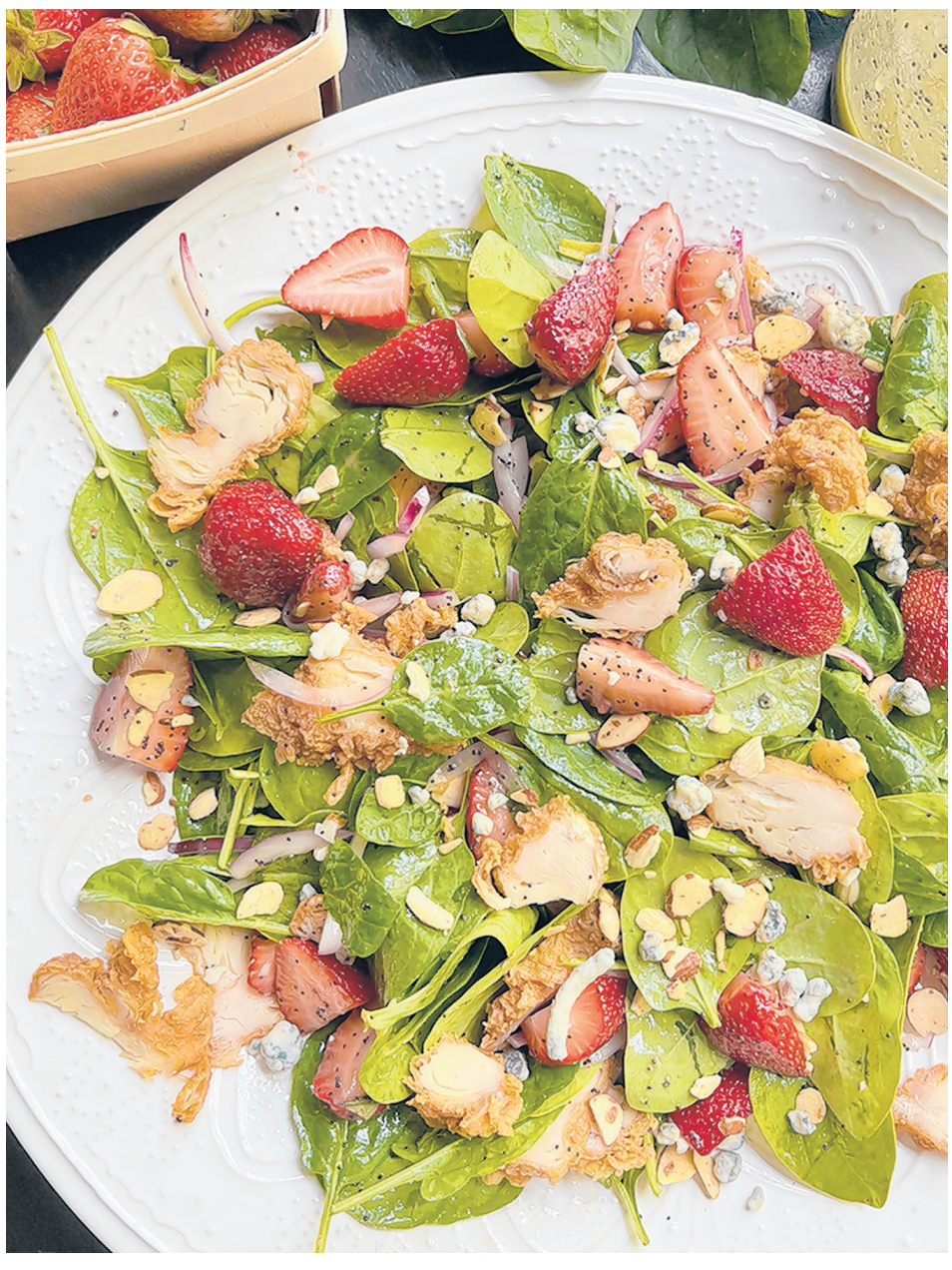
To turn this easy spring recipe from a side into a more hearty main, I threw sliced fried chicken into the mix, along with crumbles of gorgonzola, a mild blue cheese. Grilled or roasted chicken — shredded or diced — would be a fine substitute if you're cutting back on fried foods.

I like the tangy contrast of blue cheese against the strawberries, but if you're not a fan, substitute feta or goat cheese or even brie or fresh mozzarella. Same with the nuts: I used pre-packaged honey-roasted sliced almonds (available in the produce aisle), but you may prefer toasted or caramelized pecans or walnuts.

Serve with crusty bread and a crisp, chilled bottle of sauvignon blanc for a simple supper.

STRAWBERRY SPINACH SALAD

Makes: 4 servings
For the salad:
½ small red onion, very thinly sliced into half moons
4 cups baby spinach or spinach-arugula mix
1 quart local strawberries, hulled and quartered
¼ cup crumbled gorgonzola
¾ cup toasted pecans, walnuts or honey-roasted almonds
2 cooked chicken breasts, sliced thin on the diagonal
For the dressing:
¼ cup white wine vinegar
1 tablespoon honey
1 small shallot, thinly sliced
1 ½ tablespoons poppy seeds
½ teaspoon Dijon mustard
¼ cup olive oil
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
1. Place sliced red onion in a small bowl and cover with cold water.
2. Prepare dressing: Place vinegar, honey, shallot, poppy seeds, mustard and olive oil in a mason jar. Screw on lid and shake vigorously to combine ingredients. Season to taste with salt and pepper, and put aside while you put together salad.
3. In a large salad bowl, place the greens along with a pinch of salt, and toss with your fingers to combine. Add the quartered strawberries. Drain onions and then place into the bowl. Add crumbled cheese and chicken, and then drizzle with about ½ of the salad dressing (or more, depending on how well-dressed you like your salads).
4. Toss the salad, making sure all of the greens are nicely coated with dressing. Garnish with nuts and serve.
5. Serve with extra dressing on the side.



Fresh strawberries add a sweet touch to this easy spring salad with fried chicken. **GRETCHEN MCKAY/PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE**

Pairing food, wine is an adventure, not a chore

By Eric Asimov
The New York Times



ELLICE WEAVER/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Pairing food and wine is one of the great culinary pleasures, whether you are opening a bottle for a romantic dinner by candlelight or having a glass with a bag of potato chips. But it can also be one of the most mystifying and intimidating elements of planning a meal.

What ought to be a joy often produces a feeling of dread and the fear of making mistakes. That anxiety can set in for both occasional wine drinkers and regular consumers.

To allay the fears of an embarrassing failure, many people will look for recommendations or turn to books about the art of pairing food and wine.

It makes sense to seek advice from more experienced people, except that advice is often uncomfortably specific, implying that only one bottle can do the trick, or mind-bogglingly complicated. It can be wrapped in a formulaic approach directed at food-and-wine professionals that promises success but requires more knowledge about the chemistry of food and wine than most people possess.

Over many years of recommending wines with recipes and opening bottles with meals, my primary mode of consuming wine, I have come to believe several essential truths about pairing wine and food. These truths may not promise success, but I hope they help to ease the fears of selecting wines.

Give yourself a break: The first step, especially if you are relatively new to wine, is to get some welcome help. How? Buy your wine at a good wine shop rather than a supermarket or big box store. Not only will this step improve the general quality of the wine you drink, it will make available to you some good sources of advice.

Dedicated merchants know a lot about wine and are almost always eager to help. Tell them what you are planning to eat and ask for recommendations.

That's an easy way to begin, and will lead to some good pairings. It's an insurance policy when you really need help, and it will give you a set of ideas to work with in the future. But to develop your own instincts, you'll need to start making decisions yourself, owning the triumphs, risking setbacks and building a well of experience.

Perfection is not the goal: Wine and food go together like two beautiful harmonizing voices, creating a blend that outshines either of the individual deliveries. This is the ideal, at least. It rarely works out that way.

Most food and wine pairings are not perfect. But even if a bottle and a dish do not meld synergistically, they can still enhance one another.

The simpler the recipe, that is, the fewer the ingredients, the easier it is to find that harmony. Even so, pairings are subjective and often depend on individual psychology rather than chemistry between a food and beverage.

For example, I do not like to drink Champagne with oysters. I find the combination creates a metallic taste and prefer Chablis or Muscadet. But try telling that to the many people who love the two together, or to the scientists who say they have demonstrated why the pairing works so well.

Many people assume every dish has its perfect match, the one wine that, with a particular recipe, will make magic. The simpler the dish, the greater the range of possibilities. Sure, you can enjoy a Napa Valley cabernet sauvignon with a steak. You could also enjoy a Bordeaux, a Burgundy, a Chianti Classico, a zinfandel or a Rioja Reserva, just to name a few options.

Let experience be your guide: The basic premise behind my column is that the more bottles you try of more different sorts of wine, the better you will understand your own taste. And the better you know your preferences, the easier it becomes to make your own choices rather than rely on help from experts.

This is doubly true of pairing wine and food. Those sommeliers recommending the best bottle with the chef's rendition of halibut with ginger and caramelized fennel? They weren't born with that knowledge. It came through years of trial and error.

For example, a colleague asked me what white wines I would choose with dishes that we ordinarily serve with red wines, like pizza, pasta with cooked tomato sauce or steak. My answer: I'm not sure. Try a white wine you like and see what you think.

Years ago in Germany, a winemaker demonstrated what he considered a wonderful pairing: a 20-year-old riesling auslese with a steak. It was a delicious combination. The richness of the wine's texture was intact after 20 years, though most of the sweetness had faded into an umami quality that went unexpectedly well with the beef.

With wine and food, rules are made to be broken.

It's hard to go wrong: This is critical to understand. If you've chosen a wine that you like with a dish you enjoy but they do not harmonize beautifully, how bad is that, really? You are left with good food and good wine, and you can savor both individually.

Even more important, it's an opportunity to learn and to build on what you know. You will have had an experience that you will retain far longer than some advice you might have read.

So-called mistakes are beneficial and integral to gaining experience and learning. They are to be embraced rather than feared. Another colleague asked me, what type of wine would go with an acidic dish like panzanella, a Tuscan salad made with stale bread and fresh tomatoes?

I know from experience that fresh tomatoes tend to go best with crisp white wines. Many Italian whites would be terrific, though the wines in this case don't have to be Italian. Aligoté from Burgundy and Sancerre would be delicious. But could you drink a red with this? Sure.

Almost never is one wine the correct and only choice. You do not have to worry about choosing the perfect bottle because many bottles are the right choice and very few are wrong.

Maintain standards, but temper expectations: The pursuit of the perfect should never be the enemy of the good. We all love and remember peak experiences, but not every pairing is memorable, though it may have been good enough.

By good enough, I mean the wine and food didn't step on one another. It's rare that food and wine will actually clash, but it does happen. If something off-key occurs, so long as you haven't spent a fortune on the wine or opened a fragile bottle, chalk it up to experience and open a different bottle.

Nobody wants to feel that they have wasted money. But experience does not come free. You have gained perspective at the cost of a bottle, which you can put in the fridge and drink the next night in a more appropriate context.



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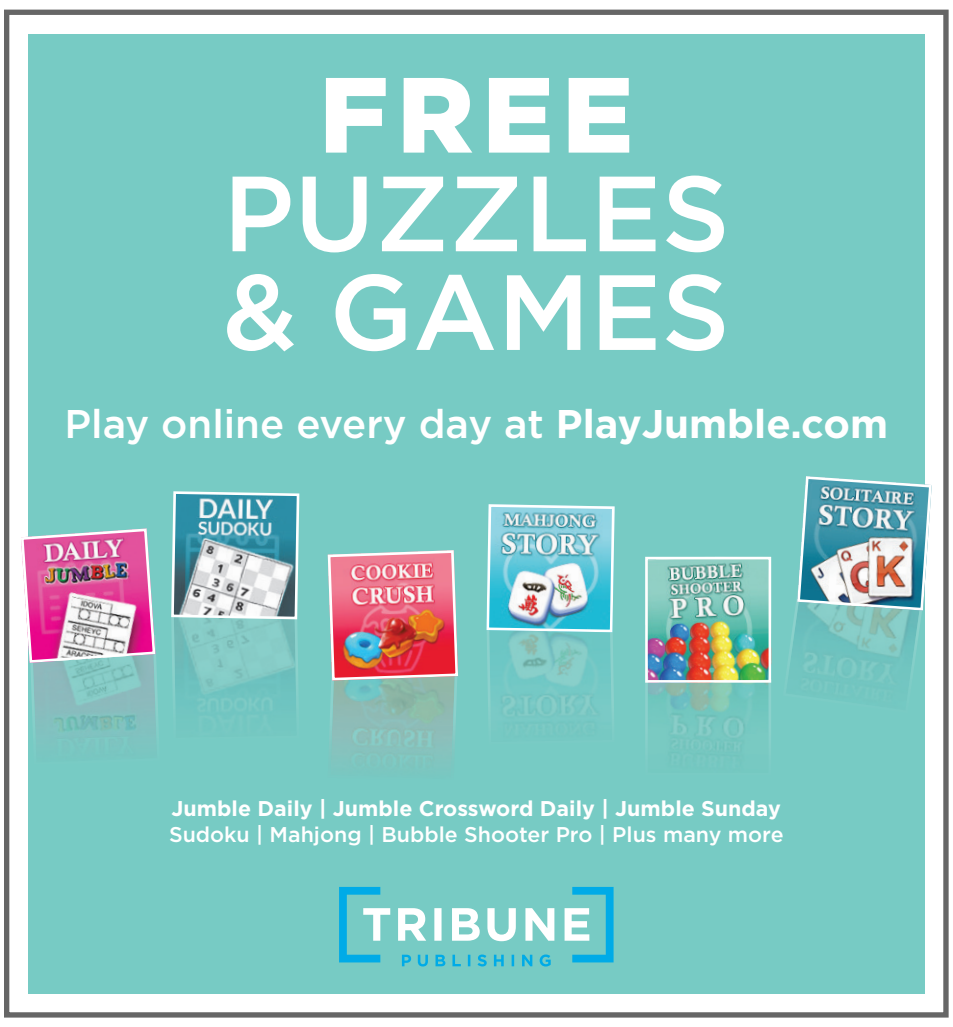
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Meet your new favorite weeknight pasta

By Amelia Rampe
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Sugo all'Amatriciana (sauce Amatriciana) is a classic Roman tomato-based sauce that includes guanciale (cured pork jowl) and Pecorino Romano cheese.

The guanciale is cooked until crisp, and the rendered fat helps create the delicious porky flavor base of the sauce. The salty Pecorino Romano cheese adds flavor and creaminess.

What sets this sauce apart from some other traditional red sauces is that the tomatoes are very lightly cooked, which makes the tomato flavor lighter and fresher than a long-stewed tomato sauce.

In this recipe, I stay (mostly) true to the original by keeping both ingredients and cook time minimal.

I also reached out to senior contributing food editor Sheela Prakash, our resident Mediterranean expert, for advice. She told me that she had a "killer Amatriciana" at Evan Funke's Felix Trattoria in Los Angeles.

She said his version was very pork-forward and served with rigatoni. I kept that in mind when developing this recipe.

I made the recipe a few times, each time with varying amounts of guanciale. For my taste buds, the version that reigned supreme was the one with the most guanciale. Not only was the sauce delicious, but it also had the exact right amount of guanciale pieces to chew on.

The best part about this sauce — besides the way it tastes — is how quickly the whole meal comes together. Big flavor in under 30 minutes? Count me in!

Amatriciana gets its name from Amatrice, the town about a two-hour drive east of Rome where this sauce originated. Original iterations of the sauce, known as pasta alla gricia, didn't include tomato.

This "white" version of Amatriciana is said to get its name from the Italian word gricio, an early Roman word for bread-makers and sellers of other basic food staples. Pasta alla gricia is also considered to be the predecessor to what we know today as carbonara.

The Amatrice version of Amatriciana is served with spaghetti. When the sauce made its way to Roma, bucatini was swapped in.


Crisp guanciale and just-cooked tomato sauce star in this classic Roman dish. **AMELIA RAMPE/THEKITCHN.COM**

Amatriciana essentials

The guanciale: You can't have Amatriciana without guanciale. The fat of the guanciale is the base of the sauce. Guanicale is cured with salt and spices, and some have more spices rubbed on the exterior than others.

If possible, choose a guanciale that has a lesser amount of spices. Any guanciale will do — just know that if you have a guanciale with more spices on the exterior, those spices will season the sauce.

If you can't find guanciale, some recipes recommend swapping in pancetta. The dish will still be delicious, but know you won't be making true Amatriciana.

Trim the guanciale into lardons, and cook until the meat is crisp and the fat has rendered. The fat is whisked into the tomato sauce, which gives the sauce its signature porky flavor.

The tomatoes: I call for crushed or diced canned tomatoes in this recipe, but you can also use passata. Barely cook the sauce to keep the flavors fresh and light.

The pasta: Original iterations of the sauce used spaghetti. Bucatini came on to the scene after the sauce made its way to Rome. If you travel to Rome today, you'll likely find it served with bucatini. Nowadays, rigatoni is also frequently used.

The cheese: Pecorino Romano is a salty dry cheese used in this sauce. If you can't find it, you can substitute for Parmesan — but, again, it won't be true Amatriciana.

A little something extra: True Amatriciana doesn't include garlic or oregano, but in this recipe, I add a couple cloves of crushed garlic and a large sprig of marjoram to add another layer of gentle flavor to the sauce. I crush, gently simmer and then remove the aromatics so they don't overpower the sauce. You can sub the marjoram with oregano or you can omit the garlic and marjoram all together.

BUCATINI ALL'AMATRICIANA

Makes: 4 to 6 servings
Kosher salt
1 pound dried bucatini or rigatoni pasta
2 cloves garlic (optional)
3 ounces Pecorino Romano cheese
8 ounces unsliced guanciale, preferably unseasoned
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 (28-ounce) can crushed tomatoes, tomato puree or passata (about 3 cups)
1 (about 4-inch) sprig fresh marjoram or oregano
½ teaspoon red pepper flakes, plus more for serving
1. Bring a large pot of heavily salted water to a boil over medium-high heat. Meanwhile, prepare the sauce.
2. Crush 2 garlic cloves if using and discard the peels. Finely grate 3 ounces Pecorino Romano cheese on the smallest holes of the box grater (about 1 ¼ cups). Using a sharp knife, cut 8 ounces of guanciale into ¼-inch-thick matchsticks that are about 1 inch long. Line a plate with paper towels.
3. Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a large 12-inch high-sided skillet over medium heat until shimmering. Add the guanciale and cook, stirring often, until golden brown and crisp all over, 6 to 8 minutes. Transfer the guanciale to the prepared plate with a slotted spoon.
4. Add 1 pound dried bucatini or rigatoni to the boiling water and cook according to the package until al dente, 8 to 12 minutes.
5. Return the skillet with the guanciale fat to low heat. Slowly add 1 (28-ounce) can crushed or pureed tomatoes or passata (about 3 cups). Be careful; it may bubble and sputter. Add the garlic cloves, 1 (4-inch) fresh marjoram or oregano sprig, and ½ teaspoon red pepper flakes.
6. Increase heat to medium and bring to a bare simmer, stirring vigorously to combine. Simmer until flavors meld but the tomatoes do not reduce much, 8 to 10 minutes. If the pasta is not ready, turn off the heat.
7. Remove and discard the garlic cloves and herb sprig. Reserve ¼ cup of the cooked guanciale and ¼ cup of the cheese for garnish. Add the remaining guanciale and cheese to the sauce, and stir to combine.
8. When the pasta is ready, use tongs to transfer the pasta into the skillet reserving some of the pasta water. Toss, over low heat, until the pasta is well coated with sauce, adding the pasta water 1 tablespoon at a time as needed to make it saucy (2 to 4 tablespoons). Serve topped with the reserved guanciale, cheese and more red pepper flakes, if desired.


Charring chicken on the grill gives the salad a little bite. **JASON DONNELLY/ EATINGWELL**

Liven up your salad with some Cajun spice

By Hilary Meyer | EatingWell

For this salad, we coat chicken with spices common to Cajun cooking, like dried thyme and cayenne pepper. Then, instead of using the traditional method of searing in a cast-iron pan, we char it on the grill.

BLACKENED CHICKEN WITH CHOPPED SALAD

Makes: 4 servings
Total time: 25 minutes
1 ½ tablespoons paprika
1 ½ teaspoons garlic powder, divided
¾ teaspoon ground pepper, divided
½ teaspoon salt plus a pinch, divided
½ teaspoon dried thyme
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 pound chicken cutlets
4 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese, divided
2 tablespoons lemon juice
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons mayonnaise
8 cups butter lettuce
1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved or quartered if large
1. Preheat grill to medium-high.
2. Combine paprika, 1 teaspoon garlic powder, ½ teaspoon each pepper and salt, ½ teaspoon thyme and ¼ teaspoon cayenne in a medium bowl. Add chicken and toss to coat.
3. Oil the grill rack. Grill chicken, flipping once, until an instant-read thermometer inserted in the thickest part registers 165 degrees, about 6 minutes. Transfer to a clean cutting board. Let rest for 5 minutes, then slice.
4. Meanwhile, whisk 2 tablespoons Parmesan, lemon juice, oil and mayonnaise with the remaining ½ teaspoon garlic powder, ¼ teaspoon ground pepper and pinch of salt in a large bowl. Add lettuce and tomatoes, and toss to coat. Top the salad with the chicken and the remaining 2 tablespoons of Parmesan.
Recipe nutrition per serving: 307 calories, total fat: 17 g, saturated fat: 3 g, cholesterol: 90 mg, carbohydrates: 9 g, fiber: 3 g, total sugars: 4 g, protein: 29 g, sodium: 523 mg, vitamin A: 4672 IU

SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

Celebrate Dad with lamb brochettes on Father's Day

By Diane Rossen Worthington
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Sometimes it's hard to come up with a novel dish to celebrate Dad on his day. My dad loved lamb, and this recipe was always a standout for him and our family. Cooling minted yogurt sauce, an Indian staple condiment, functions as both a marinade that tenderizes the meat and a crunchy, refreshing sauce to serve on the side.

Something wonderful happens to the meat as it grills on an outdoor fire: The orange, cumin and yogurt come together to lightly caramelize the meat. Metal skewers are preferred here, because the meat needs a sturdy skewer to keep it from slipping. Lamb, particularly American Lamb, has become very expensive. While American is my choice for its refined flavor, New Zealand lamb will work nicely here.


The orange, cumin and yogurt come together on the grill to lightly caramelize the meat. **DREAMSTIME**

The complementary tomato-mint bulgur suggested here is lovely as a bed for the lamb. Bulgur is wheat that has been steamed and then dried before being ground or crushed, which is why it cooks so quickly. Don't mistake bulgur for cracked wheat, which has an entirely different texture.

This grain dish gives the heavy-textured bulgur grain a fresh, light style.

LAMB BROCHETTES WITH YOGURT SAUCE

Makes: 4 to 6 servings
For the sauce and marinade:
2 cups yogurt
2 tablespoons finely chopped mint
1 garlic clove, minced
¼ cup fresh orange juice
¼ teaspoon ground cumin
½ teaspoon salt
Pinch of white pepper to taste
For the brochettes:
2 pounds lamb loin, cut into 2-inches
½ medium European cucumber, finely chopped
1. Prepare the sauce and marinade by combining all the ingredients. Taste for seasoning.
2. Place the meat in a medium non-aluminum bowl and pour over ¾ cup of marinade, mixing well so that all the pieces of meat are well coated. Reserve the remaining sauce. Marinate ½-4 hours in the refrigerator.
3. Place the lamb on metal skewers. Preheat the broiler or prepare the barbecue for medium-heat grilling. Cook the brochettes, turning them a few times and basting with the marinade until the meat is browned and cooked as desired, about 15 to 20 minutes.
4. Add the chopped cucumber to the remaining sauce and mix together.
5. Place the brochettes on serving plates and pass the remaining minted yogurt sauce.

TOMATO-MINT BULGUR

Makes: 6 servings
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 medium onion, finely chopped
1 ½ cups coarsely ground bulgur
3 cups chicken stock
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh mint
8 red or yellow cherry tomatoes or a combination, quartered
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon black pepper
Fresh mint sprigs, to garnish
1. Heat oil in a deep large skillet over medium heat. Add the onion, and saute for 5 minutes or until it has softened. Add the bulgur to the skillet and toast it for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring frequently.
2. Add the stock and bring the mixture to a boil. Reduce the heat, cover, and cook over low heat for 12 to 15 minutes or until all liquid is absorbed.
3. Remove the bulgur from heat and add the mint and tomatoes, blending carefully so that the tomato pieces stay whole. Add the salt and pepper and taste for seasoning. Garnish with mint sprigs and serve immediately.